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Arroyos to rendezvous in HK for 'family bonding'

By Christine Avendaño and Nikko Dizon

IN WHAT HAS BECOME A FAMILIAR FEATURE of some of her official trips abroad, President Macapagal-Arroyo will insert a family reunion into her Apec summit trip, flying to Hong Kong today for a weekend rendezvous with her family before returning home on Monday.

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Apec to RP: Well done

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RED CARPET treatment is rolled out for President Arroyo at Kyungsung University in Busan, where she receives an honorary doctorate in law. She wears the traditional Korean overcoat "turumagi" and a headdress called "hayam."

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RUSSIAN CONNECTION. President Arroyo chats with Russian President Vladimir Putin (right) at the 13th Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) in Busan. Man in the middle is a translator from the Apec Business Advisory Council.

Prosecutors deny 6 GIs' bid for more time

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

OLONGAPO CITY—THE APPEAL OF SIX American rape suspects for 10 more days to file their counter-affidavits was yesterday junked by the prosecutors' office here.

"We do not find their reasons meritorious," Raymond Viray, first assistant prosecutor of Olongapo, said of the US servicemen accused of raping a Filipino woman on Nov. 1 in Subic.

The prosecutors' office also denied the motion of the law firm Rodrigo Berenguer & Guno, which represents Chad Brian Carpentier (not Carpenter, as earlier reported), to cancel the first hearing scheduled on Nov. 23.

Viray said the hearing would "definitely proceed."

Along with Prosecutor Prudencio Jalandoni, Viray was assigned by Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez to determine whether there was probable cause for the rape complaint to proceed to trial.

The lawyers of Carpentier, Daniel Smith, Dominic Duplantis and Keith Silkwood filed the motions earlier yesterday, the same day they were required to file their counter-affidavits.

Viray said the suspects could still file their

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Antiterror strategy hailed in ministers' conference in Busan

By Christian V. Esguerra

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA (VIA PLDT)—A country battling Moro separatists and one of the longest running communist insurgencies has been lauded in the world stage for its campaign against terror.

The Philippines received the accolade at a conference of ministers of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum preceding yesterday's leaders' summit for its role in mapping out antiterrorism strategies of Apec members.

"It costs less than $2,000 (per capita) to get a terrorist in our country," Ambassador and Apec Counter Terrorism Task Force chief Benjamin Defensor told reporters.

As task force chair since last year, the Philippines coordinates the efforts of member economies in fighting the terror menace, which is regarded as an obstacle to the growth of trade in the Pacific rim area.

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo was heavily applauded when he reported on the strategies before a gathering of Apec ministers, Defensor said.

"We were surprised that many ministers lauded the Philippines openly and the task force particularly for this effort," Defensor said. "That is an achievement not only for the task force. That is an achievement for the Philippines. It's something that should make every Filipino proud."

Defensor, a retired Armed Forces chief of staff, boasted that the Philippines had "the most cost-effective antiterrorism campaign."

Romulo said he was approached by leaders from the United States, Vietnam, Chile, Indonesia, Peru, and "so many others" to congratulate the Philippines for a job well done.

The Philippines got the chairmanship of the important Apec task force upon being nominated by US President George W. Bush. Its term runs until next year.

In a one-hour meeting yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo briefed Bush and leaders of six other Association of Southeast Asian Nations member-states on the Philippine campaign against the Abu Sayyaf bandits.

Bush urged Asean leaders to use their influence on the military junta in Burma, which

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Solon turns tables on Magsaysay

By Michael Lim Ubac

DON'T SPIT IN THE WIND BECAUSE THE wind might blow your spit back to you.

That was Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan's apparent advice to Sen. Ramon Magsaysay yesterday in response to insinuations that irregularities marked the procurement of fertilizers for Libanan's district last year.

Denying the allegations, Libanan urged the Senate to observe inter-parliamentary courtesy and stop dragging members of the House of Representatives into the scandal over alleged misuse of the P728-million fertilizer fund.

Libanan's retort was provoked by testimony in the Senate that his chief of staff Norman Tancingco and the provincial governor had certified having received 2,164 sacks of fertilizers although there were supposedly no actual deliveries.

The testimony was made by Eastern Samar assistant provincial treasurer Antonio Salas during Thursday's hearing by Magsaysay's agriculture committee.

Libanan fired back, claiming that a nongovernment organization which Magsaysay had strongly endorsed to receive P4 million of

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PDI hosts 'Oscars' of best in Philippine advertising

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

CEBU CITY—FILIPINOS ARE IN DEmand abroad for their creative talents and technical skills, yet only a handful of local advertising agencies have competed and won in international advertising festivals.

Realizing this, the INQUIRER and a group of creative directors from advertising agencies are working on raising the local ads' quality and creativity to international standards.

They are also campaigning for greater participation in the annual Cannes Advertising Festival which hands out the Cannes Lions, considered the Oscars of advertising in the world.

The Philippines experienced many firsts in this year's Cannes festival held last June. The country won its first Silver Cannes Lion in the festival's 52-year history with the "Bunso" TV commercial ad created by BBDO Guerrero Ortega. It was the first time a Filipino judge participated in Cannes in the person of McCann Erickson Philippines' chair emeritus Emily Abrera. It was also the first time Filipino clients graced Cannes and the first time the country sent a team to take part in the Young Creatives Competition.

Inspired by these firsts, the Araw Awards, the highest recognition for local advertising work, underwent some changes.

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SPECIAL REPORT

RP entertainers' days in Japan numbered

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

(Last of three parts)

TOKYO—AT THE HIGH-END KINGYO Bar in the famous entertainment district of Roppongi, Janet Sese-Goto is one of the star dancers.

Goto, a Filipino, constantly draws an appreciative and generous crowd of mostly Japanese customers. There is no reason to believe she will lose her luster soon.

But Goto is hard put to gloat. She feels badly for her fellow entertainers whose visas will expire this year and who are nursing dim hopes of ever working in Japan again.

The Japanese government cracked down on Filipino entertainers early this year, requiring at least two years of formal training in voice or dance for them to be allowed to work in Japan.

"I pity them because they are already so good even without the [formal] training," said Goto, one of the few Filipinos who can stay on because she is married to a Japanese national.

Kingyo Bar is not the only nightclub in Japan where Filipino entertainers are the top draw.

Filipinos account for 60 percent of some 130,000 registered foreign entertainers in the land of the rising sun.

Many bars who lost their entertainers have been forced to close down, according to Goto.

At the Tres Bien Stage Club in nearby Saitama prefecture, the remaining dancers wear huge costumes and accessories to deflect attention from the bareness of the stage.

The crackdown on entertainers is hurting business, Tres Bien owner Kenji Yamada told the INQUIRER late in September.

Yamada said he put up the club exclusively for Filipino talents because he believed them to be the best, not only in terms of talent but

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At 4, Inquirer Libre takes up advocacy

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

INQUIRER LIBRE TURNS ADvocate.

The country's first free newspaper has chosen parenting, education and the rights of the child as some of the issues it will tackle as it marks its fourth anniversary today.

Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez, president of the Philippine Daily Inquirer Inc., said the topics were among the concerns of commuters of the metropolis' train systems—Metrorail Transit (MRT) and Light Railway Transit (LRT) Lines 1 and 2.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: At 2 p.m. yesterday, typhoon PEPENG was estimated at 360 km east northeast of Legaspi City, Albay with maximum sustained winds of 120 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 150 kph. It was forecast to move west at 7 kph.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Legazpi	Stormy	Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

AFP steps up Jolo offensive

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

JOLO, SULU – ARMED FORCES CHIEF GEN. Generoso Senga ordered the military to step up its week-old offensive against the Abu Sayyaf and other armed groups supporting the bandits and told his field commanders to "finish the pursuit as early as possible."

Senga flew here yesterday with Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Edilberto Adan to rally the troops engaged in sporadic clashes that have killed four soldiers and possibly up to 20 guerrillas since Nov. 11. At least a dozen other soldiers have been wounded in the clashes around the towns of Indanan and Panamao.

"Generally, we want this operation concluded right away," Senga told reporters after a dialogue with troops from the Army, the Marines and the Scout Rangers.

He said soldiers were ordered to "ensure that the areas of conflict be limited as much as possible so that the effect to civilians and collateral damage would be minimized."

At least two civilians have been wounded in the crossfire and over 2,000 people displaced by the hostilities.

MG-520 attack helicopters were mobilized to provide air support for the operation on Jolo while Army trucks filled with troops rushed to the frontlines.

Senga said groups supporting the Abu Sayyaf, including the so-called Misuari Breakaway Group led by Ustadz Habier Malik, were also considered terrorists and targets of the offensive.

Malik, however, has denied the military's claim that his group was coddling or supporting Abu Sayyaf guerrillas.

His group got involved in the fighting only after military attacked positions of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in Indanan, Malik told the INQUIRER via satellite phone. He said the military was not really after the Abu Sayyaf but his group and vowed to fight back.

Malik challenged the military to vacate populated areas where he said government troops had positioned themselves "while they are pounding our camps."

"If they are really bent on pursuing us, then they should vacate the municipal hall especially in Panamao or leave the evacuees in Indanan alone. How could we retaliate when they are using innocent people against us," Malik said in Filipino.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aleo, commander of Task Force Comet, said Malik was lying because "we never exploited the evacuees as shields." He acknowledged, however, that there were civilians in the affected areas but said these people refused to leave their homes.

As this developed, Khaid Adjibun, Nur Misuari's chief of staff in Sulu, said he has filed a complaint before the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) against the government for alleged violation of the 1996 peace agreement.

Adjibun charged that the military had harassed and attacked their declared territory in Indanan, causing unspecified casualties among his followers. It was Adjibun's group which figured in the Indanan hostilities. He said the letter of complaint was sent on Nov. 12.

Senga said Adjibun's claim would be dealt with by the proper committees involved in the implementation of the 1996 agreement.

Meanwhile, as soldiers prepared for battle, military helicopters distributed leaflets and flyers advising residents of the looming operations and asking them to keep away from the conflict areas. *With a report from AFP*

AUSTRALIA'S MISTAKE

Vivian returns home

SYDNEY—A SERIOUSLY ILL NATURALIZED Australian woman wrongfully deported to the Philippines in 2001 returned home yesterday, with her lawyers saying she bore no grudges over a four-year ordeal unprecedented in international legal history.

Wheelchair-bound Vivian Alvarez landed early yesterday in Australia, where she has become a symbol of the Australian government's mishandling of immigration cases after being found in May at a hospice for the dying in Olongapo City.

The 44-year-old mother of two, also known as Vivian Solon, was mistakenly identified as an illegal immigrant, possibly a sex slave, and deported in July 2001, even though she is a naturalized citizen. The mistake was covered up by Australian immigration department officials until the media began examining her case.

Australian Embassy officials in Manila who saw Alvarez off at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila late Thursday, declined to speak to the media.

Solon's companions, her sister Lillian Adlawan, a nurse and an Australian official identified as Tania Newton, took great pains to shield her from the media, blocking the cameras as they wheeled her to a room at the Naia's Dignitaries Lounge.

Except for the wheelchair, Alvarez gave nary a sign of her illness. Wearing a red blazer and bright red lipstick, she looked radiant and smiled warmly at the photographers.

On arrival in Sydney, Alvarez appeared at a press conference with a heavy-hitting legal team led by former Federal Court judge Marcus Einfeld, who said his Philippine-born client will seek millions of dollars in compensation from the Australian government.

"You can't give back to somebody four years of their life," Einfeld said.

"You can't take away four years of pain, separation from her family, inadequate treatment, loneliness, lack of recreation, no freedom. You can't give it back but you can make up for it as best as money can do it," he said.

Einfeld said Alvarez was unable to speak because she was still suffering multiple injuries sustained in a road accident shortly before she was deported, including amnesia and a back injury that caused her constant pain.

VIVIAN Solon is wheeled into a press conference by her lawyer George Newhouse in Sydney, Friday. AP

"You may think, as I did when I first met her this morning, that her suffering shows on her face," Einfeld told reporters.

Einfeld, a former member of the International Commission for Jurists, said a search of international legal records had failed to uncover another case where a country had illegally deported one of its own citizens.

He said Alvarez bore no hard feelings against the Australian government and accepted an apology by Prime Minister John Howard.

"In the true tradition of heroes, Vivian does not hold a grudge against anybody," he said.

Einfeld said Alvarez did not believe her "appalling" treatment by Australian officials was racially motivated.

"Australia made a big mistake here, a tragic, serious error," he said.

"(But) it was an error of systems, it wasn't an error of somebody hating Filipinos, or newcomers or anything of that kind, it was an error of systems and training of relevant officers."

He said his client suffers from amnesia, which was why she did not try to alert authorities to her wrongful deportation while in the Philippines.

Einfeld said Alvarez's return to Australia had been delayed until the government agreed to have her compensation package determined by an independent arbiter, retired High Court judge Anthony Mason.

He said the government had insisted on extensive secrecy provisions surrounding the compensation package but Alvarez was seeking millions of dollars and the final deal would be made public, hopefully before year's end.

The deal is expected to include accommodation and round-the-clock medical care. Einfeld said Alvarez needed to be examined by a battery of specialists including psychiatrists, neurologists, orthopedists and pain management experts.

He said she was looking forward to being reunited with her two Australian-based sons, a 17-year-old who lives with her estranged husband and a second boy in foster care who is believed to be nine.

A government watchdog last month described the immigration department's handling of Alvarez as "catastrophic".

Her case came to light after it was revealed another Australian, German-born Cornelia Rau, was wrongfully imprisoned for 10 months as an illegal immigrant.

The immigration department has since admitted wrongfully detaining more than 200 people who were in Australia legally and revealed many had received compensation packages in return for not going public with their cases. *AFP; With a report from Nikko Dizon*

Ship sinks off Ilocos: 1 missing, 20 rescued

By Leila B. Salaverria

A KOREAN ENGINEER IS MISSING AFTER the Korean cargo vessel Bright Sun sank off Laoag City in the Ilocos Norte yesterday, according to the Philippine Coast Guard.

But 20 other crew members, composed of 10 Koreans and 10 Filipinos, were rescued by a passing ship as they sat in life rafts after abandoning ship.

The identity of the missing engineer remains unknown.

The Bright Sun had come from Vietnam and was on its way to China when it sank. There was no report on why the vessel sank.

The PCG received the information about the distressed vessel around 2 p.m. yesterday and dispatched two helicopters to the area, said spokesperson Lt. Armand Balilo.

He said the Liquefied Natural Gas carrier Bishu Maru undertook the rescue operations amid strong winds and big waves.

Later, the crew members were transferred to the Panamanian-registered M/V Tianrong Hai that was bound for China.

The Bishu Maru was headed for Indonesia.

Balilo said the PCG is looking for the missing Korean.

'TYPHOON PEPING'

1,900 stranded in Bicol, Samar

LEGAZPI CITY – MORE THAN 1,900 passengers were stranded in different ports in Bicol and Samar as typhoon "Peping" approached and the Coast Guard suspended all shipping and ferry crossings in the region yesterday, civil defense officials said.

The Office of Civil Defense in Legazpi said 37 passenger buses, 45 cargo trucks and 24 small vehicles were stranded in different parts of Bicol, while civil defense officials elsewhere said four buses, 12 trucks and nine light vehicles were stranded in Allen, Northern Samar.

The ferry service connecting Matnog in Sorsogon and Allen was suspended because of the typhoon, which a bulletin from Pagasa yesterday afternoon said was about 420 km east-northeast of Legazpi City with sustained winds of 129 kph near the center gusting up to 150 kph.

It was forecast to move west-northwest at 13 kph, the weather bureau said.

Arnel Capili, regional director of the OCD in Legazpi said that the number of stranded passengers and vehicles could still increase within the next days unless the typhoon were to die down or veer away.

In Matnog, Sorsogon, 1,150 passengers were stranded. In Tabaco City, 249; in Pilar, Sorsogon, 250; Pioduran, Albay, 20; Virac, Catanduanes, 18; Camarines Sur, 9; Bulan, Sorsogon 30; and Bacor, Masbate 8.

At least 200 people were stranded in Allen, Northern Samar.

Albay, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Camarines Norte and the Samar region were under signal number two and classes in these provinces were suspended.

Although there were no reports of flooding, the OCD has been coordinating with all provincial disaster coordinating councils to continue to monitor places prone to flooding such as the provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte.

In Tabaco port, at least 120 people aboard three motorized passenger bancas arrived yesterday morning. The passengers, mostly teachers from Tabaco City, came from Barangays Langaton and Tambilagaw in Cagraray island, Bacacay, Albay.

The teachers had gone to the island early in the morning not knowing a typhoon was approaching but headed back immediately after classes were canceled as their families were in Tabaco. *Gil Francis G. Arevalo with reports from Job B. Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

WWII bomb kills 3 in Cavite

CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA – THREE CAVITE fishermen were killed yesterday when a World War II bomb they were trying to pry open exploded.

Chief Inspector Mario Reyes, Rosario police chief, identified the victims as Johnny Licandia, 46, Benedicto Peñaflor, 39, and Ricardo Mongolio, 40, all residents of Barangay Wawa Uno, Rosario.

Reyes said the three were on board a fishing boat owned by Gerry Nagat when the explosion took place at around 11 a.m.

He said the victims were sawing off the metal cover of the bomb when it exploded.

Reyes could not say how many kilos the bomb weighed but described it as thigh-sized.

He said the fishermen were apparently trying to obtain explosive material inside the bomb and use it to blast fish.

"Since we started our campaign against dynamite fishing, unscrupulous fishermen here have had a hard time buying dynamite. Instead, they use material from old bombs in their illegal fishing activities," Reyes told the INQUIRER.

He said fishermen dived and searched for the bombs lodged at the bottom of sea waters off Cavite. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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VFA exec won't stand for Miriam's insults; his punishment: P1 budget

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIdential Commission on the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACom) will get a P1-budget from the Senate.

Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the Senate committee on finance, approved the request of Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago to abolish the budget of Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes for "conduct prejudicial to national interest" and for calling her names after the hearing of the Legislative Oversight Committee on the VFA on Thursday.

Villar said that by reducing Paredes' budget to P1, the Senate would send a message to Philippine officials that they should protect the interest of their fellow citizens and not of foreign interests.

"The issue here is he is siding too much with the Americans; he is biased," Villar said after receiving Santiago's letter yesterday.

He said the government should give its "full support" to the Filipino woman allegedly raped by US servicemen and "show officials who are pro-Americans that we won't tolerate their action."

'Improper' conduct

In her letter, Santiago cited Paredes' "improper" conduct.

She noted INQUIRER reports quoting Paredes as saying that the VFA did not require the detention in the country of the American rape suspects, and that the government could not compel the US government to keep them here.

During the Thursday hearing, Santiago confronted Paredes about his position and said he was suffering from "doctrinal confusion" and was engaged in "intellectual fantasies."

But she was also affronted by what Paredes said during the hearing: "For the record, I want to register my resentment to the highest degree about allusions of Senator Santiago in the minds of those listening here that I am not knowledgeable with the VFA."

Paredes also said he was a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1971 and served in the Batasang Pambansa and should be treated with respect.

Later, he told reporters: "In one sentence, *binastos ako* (I was insulted)."

But Santiago said Paredes' remarks showed "unacceptable arrogance."

"The tenebrous personality of this creature is best manifested by the fact that while I presided over a public hearing for almost two hours, he was silent. The moment I left, he assumed a fighting stance against a senator. There is no room in the civil service for such conceit," Santiago said.

She said Paredes' background as a military man did not qualify him to head the VFACom. She also said the scrapping of the budget would lead to the abolition of Paredes' office.

Like a first-grader

But Paredes yesterday said he would "walk out" the next time he gets disrespectful treatment from Santiago.

He said that being an invited resource speaker on the VFA, he did not deserve the way Santiago portrayed him, as though he were ignorant of the controversial agreement.

"I was not allowed to read my opening statement [unlike the other invited officials]. I was only made to answer yes or no, like a pupil in Grade I," he told the INQUIRER.

"I should be given due respect [should there be a next hearing]. Otherwise, I will walk out," he added.

Paredes, a lawyer, holds office at the Department of Foreign Affairs although the VFACom is under the Office of the President. *With a report from Volt Contreras*

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respective counter-affidavits but their lawyers would have to argue for admission.

He also said that while it was "not mandatory" for the six suspects to appear before prosecutors on Nov. 23, "they will miss the opportunity to answer clarificatory questions."

'Compelling reasons'

At about 4 p.m. yesterday, the Sycip Salazar law office filed on behalf of Corey Burris and Albert Lara a similar motion asking for an extension of the deadline for the filing of their counter-affidavits.

The law firm Formoso Navarro & Formoso, representing Smith, cited "compelling reasons" to extend the deadline. It said it was required to submit a formal request before it was allowed access to the evidence submitted by the 22-year-old complainant.

"In addition, efforts to obtain the testimonies of the witnesses for Smith, some of whom are members of the United States Marine Corps, have been stymied due primarily to the fact that they are currently engaged in military exercises in Okinawa, Japan," the law firm said.

Driver Timoteo Soriano Jr. had said it was Smith who sat next to the woman at the third back row of the rented van where the alleged rape took place.

In a sworn statement, Soriano said he had heard the soldiers shout, "Go, go, go, Smith, go!" while Smith abused the woman.

Rodrigo Berenguer & Guno cited the need for more time "owing to heavy pressure of work in other equally important cases." It said it was still gathering information and documents for Carpentier's defense.

Another law firm, Coluso Chica & Associates, said its services were "just engaged recently" to represent Duplantis and Silkwood.

It said the "gravity" of the offense charged required more time to evaluate the case and gather information.

No 'proper request'

In Manila, a highly placed source told the INQUIRER that the Department of Foreign Affairs had served notice to the US Embassy that the latter did not make a "proper request" to take custody of the six servicemen.

The source said this was the essence of the communication sent Wednesday by the DFA to US officials in seeking custody of the suspects. The move was disclosed by Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis upon grilling by lawmakers at a public hearing on Thursday.

"The DFA told the embassy that we did not receive a request, a proper request, for initial US custody," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source gave this reply when asked what were the DFA's grounds for seeking custody.

In an earlier interview yesterday, Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes, executive director of the Presidential Commission on the VFA, said the United States might just be exercising "de facto custody" of the accused because "no formal request has been made at the diplomatic level."

"Since there's no formal request yet, theoretically the custody is still with the Philippines," Paredes said.

Confidence

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita is confident that the Philippine government can still gain custody of the six US servicemen.

In a phone patch interview with reporters, Ermita said he was "very sure" that the DFA and the Department of Justice would "do what they think may be proper in the circumstances."

Ermita said the "contentious issue" was whether the Philippine authorities' request for custody should be in writing, "or do we have automatic jurisdiction over [the suspects]?"

He said he would leave it to the two agencies to make the interpretation.

In Busan, South Korea, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said the Philippine government would not block any move to amend provisions of the VFA as a result of the alleged rape.

"If they so desire, then we support that," Romulo told reporters in reference to Congress, which has the power to revise the 1999 agreement between Manila and Washington.

Romulo, a former senator, refused to cite specific VFA provisions.

"Members of Congress are wise," he said. "We will leave the [decision] to [them]. But we will certainly participate and give our view."

'Pro-foreigner'

The militant group Migrante International assailed the DFA for its supposed "pro-foreigner" attitude.

Migrante chair Connie Bragas-Regalado said Seguis' statements on Wednesday to the bicameral legislative oversight committee on the VFA revealed that the department was "more concerned with the welfare of foreigners who commit crimes in Philippine territory, just as they favor employers and recruiters who abuse [Filipino workers] abroad." *With reports from Volt Contreras, Christine O. Avendaño and Jerome Aning in Manila; Christian V. Esguerra in South Korea*

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Lilit Reyes, creative director of Leo-Burnett and cochair of the Araw Awards' competition committee, said: "Changes were made in the biennial award show to align it with the way the world award shows are being judged."

Lilit Trinidad of Jimenez-Basic and the other cochair of the committee, added: "We changed the categories. We synchronized it with the world product categories."

Part of the two-day 19th Philippine Advertising Congress which concluded yesterday, the Araw Awards will be held tonight at the Waterfront Hotel in this city. Gold, silver and bronze prizes will be given out in recognition for excellence in advertising work done between Sept. 1, 2003 to Aug. 31, 2005 in the following categories: TV, print or press; outdoor; radio and radio crafts; anything designed and direct mail; and interactive.

Foreign judges

Expectations run high as winners of this year's awards will compete in the Cannes Advertising Festival next year.

Foreign judges were tapped for TV, print or press category, as well as the outdoor category.

Reyes said the judges were tough because they decided to maintain the mind-set that a gold winner in this year's Araw Awards would at least win a bronze in the international arena.

The two Lilits were tight-lipped about the leading contenders, but Reyes hinted: "You'll know a gold when you see one."

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That Libre had chosen to promote the issues was a natural consequence of its growth, Romualdez said, as the free paper had proven itself an effective and relevant source of information for its readers.

"Readers are able to make informed decisions because of Libre. Also, the news stories inspire them to take action on issues," she said.

Studies show that working parents compose a sizable portion of MRT and LRT commuters, Libre's market.

Daily habit

Although the paper's impact on its readership has yet to be accurately measured, advertisers concede that Libre has become a daily habit among the commuters.

At present, Libre has a circulation of 115,000 copies—larger than the circulation of many daily newspapers in the country.

Copies are distributed on a staggered basis in selected stations of the MRT which runs along Edsa from Quezon City to Pasay City.

Libre copies are also given free in stations of the LRT Lines 1 and 2 which pass through Caloocan City, Pasay City, Quezon City and Marikina City.

Advertisers realize the advantages of promoting their products in a free paper.

Captured market

Romualdez explained: "What you have is a captured market. When advertisers take the MRT and LRT, they see that our readers are very engaged. Commuters are busy people and Libre helps them be more aware of the products available out there and even helps them to make choices."

She said Libre helped to expand the INQUIRER's readership and "it is still growing.

Romualdez added that Libre was not only read by train commuters.

"Intuitively, we know that the pass-on rate is quite high, about five persons, although we need to get a little more data to support this," she said.

So it is quite possible that Libre reaches more than half a million readers a day, five times a week.

Since operations began in November 2001, Libre's editorial and circulation offices have received requests to distribute more copies because commuters wouldn't want to miss their daily fix of the free paper.

Clamor

Romualdez said the INQUIRER management was aware of the clamor. "We are considering increasing the circulation because commuter volume had also increased by around 40 percent in the past two years," she said.

The LRT line accommodates 450,000 passengers daily. The MRT line transports as much as 500,000 people every day.

Romualdez said this was because the train systems had kept their fares low vis-à-vis the bus and jeepney fares which had been affected by rising fuel prices.

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RP entertainers' days in Japan numbered

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also in their ease in speaking the difficult Japanese language and their affinity with Japanese culture.

And compared with other nationalities, Filipinos are the easiest and most fun to work with, he said.

Given the possibility that he may not be able to get his entertainers back when they are sent home this year, he will have to hire other talents or Japanese-Filipinos with valid visas even if they do not dance or sing as well, he added.

Misconceptions

Yamada theorized that the crackdown was enforced because of misconceptions on how entertainers were treated in Japan and the nature of their work.

"People think entertainers live in little houses or are abused and made to work as prostitutes. People also think all club owners belong to the Yakuza [crime syndicate]. That's not true," he said.

He acknowledged that some entertainers did work as prostitutes and that a number of bars were owned by certified Yakuza members. But he said these were more the exceptions than the rule.

From Yamada's account, most bar owners look after the welfare of their Filipino talents if only because happy entertainers mean better entertainers, who are always good for business.

Nevertheless, Filipino entertainers including those at Tres Bien are counting the days and feeling that the Philippine government had not done enough to help them.

Data from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration show that there are about 80,000 Filipino entertainers in Japan, and they earn at least $1,000 a month (excluding tips of about $1,000).

And because most of them are supporting families, practically all of that money is remitted to the Philippines.

"We are important contributors to the Philippine economy. I don't think the government appreciates [that]," said Adji Amarilla, a dancer at Tres Bien.

Visa rules

Under Japan's amended Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, an entertainer applying for a visa after the March 15 effectivity of the training requirement will have to present proof of two-year training or two-year experience in the performing arts at a foreign country relevant to the type of performance he/she is applying for in Japan.

On the other hand, visa applications filed up to March 14 are covered by the old rules where only an artist accreditation card (AAC) is required.

Most of those who were issued visas before the amended policy took place are coming home before the end of the year.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Agency issued 10,000 AACs, mostly to entertainers bound for Japan, after the government scrapped last year the required artist record book, which was believed prone to forgery.

The tighter immigration rules were issued in response to Japan's being included on the US State Department's watchlist of human traffickers.

But entertainers in Japan believe that they are bearing the brunt of the Philippine government's decision to withdraw its small police-military contingent from Iraq, to the displeasure of the United States.

"We are being made to suffer the consequences of that action [to withdraw troops from Iraq]," Amarilla said, adding:

"What will we do when we go back [to the Philippines]? We have no jobs there."

It is a question haunting the entertainers preparing to return to their motherland.

Resignation and defiance

Many believe that there will be some change in the Japanese government's policies should the Philippine government decide to step up its lobbying efforts.

But despite Philippine missions to Japan to request a policy reconsideration, the stringent requirement remains in force.

Filipino dancer Kei Rodriguez is resigned to the finality of the policy and is considering spending two years on formal training.

Others are defiant. They plan to remain illegally in Japan, saying they need to keep sending money home.

There are apparently enough bar owners willing to risk hiring illegal aliens because they need good talents to keep clients happy.

But Vincent Valley, a veteran entertainer in Japan, is looking to try his hand at running a business on his savings, or to find a similar choreography job in the Philippines.

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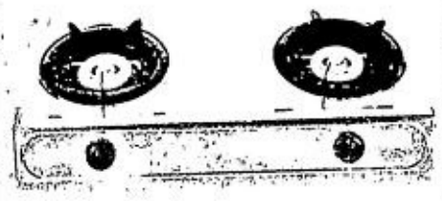

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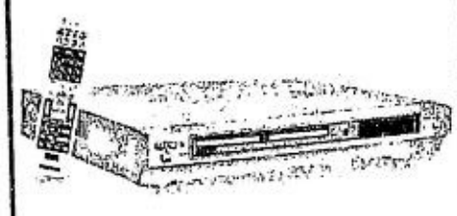

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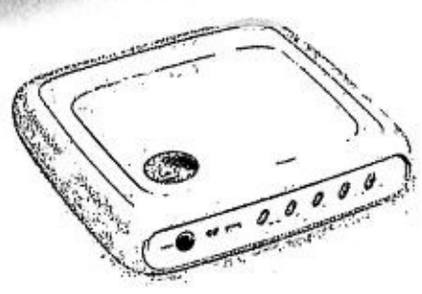

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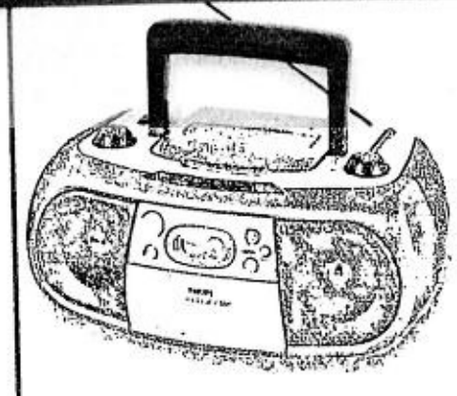

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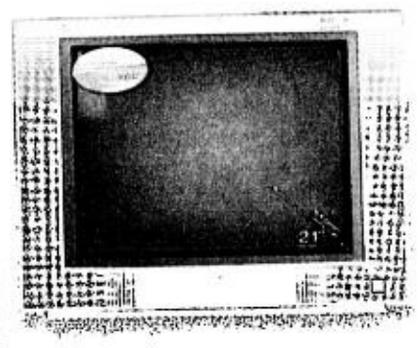

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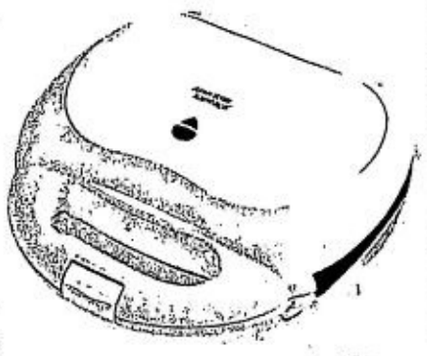

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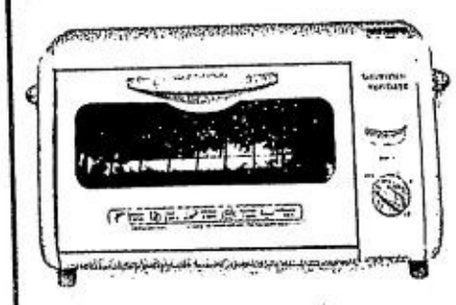

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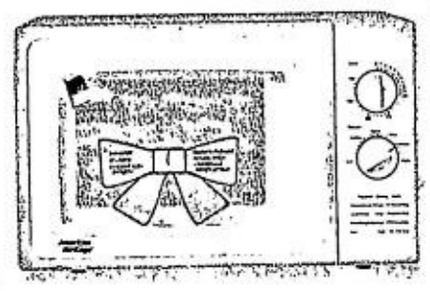

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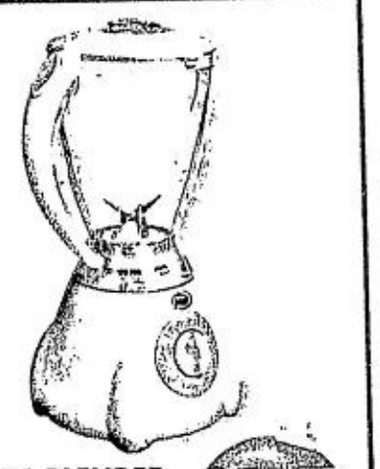

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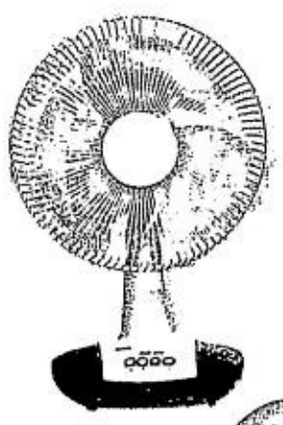

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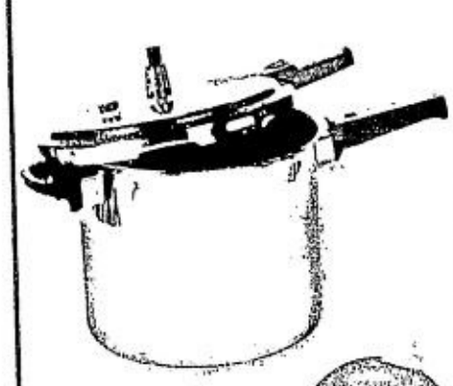

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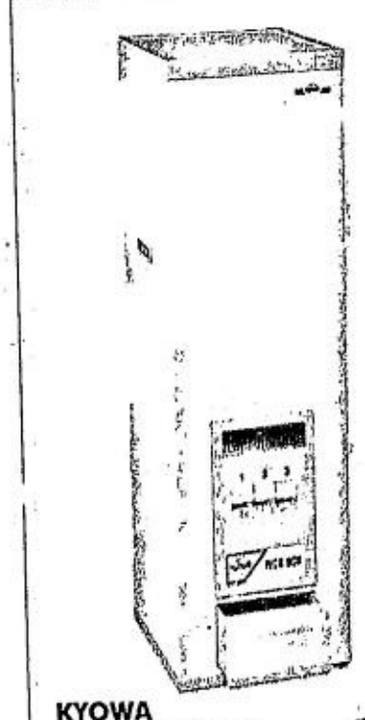

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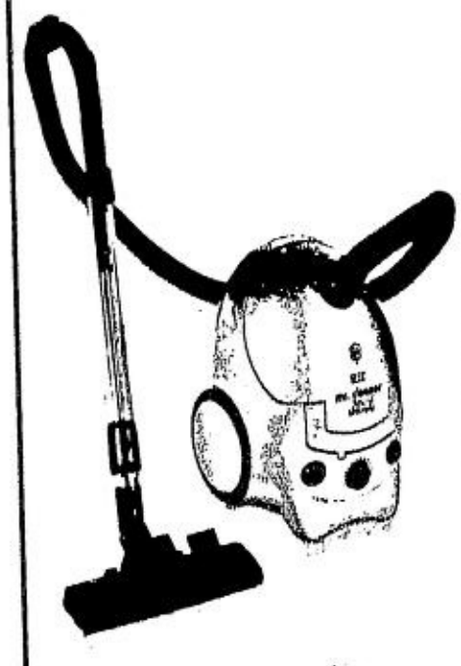

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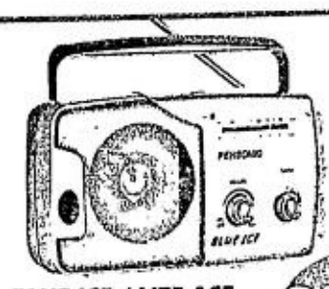

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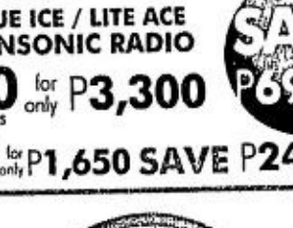

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Moonlighting Pinoy musicians alarm RP Embassy execs in Korea

By Christian V. Esguerra

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA (VIA PLDT)—A strip of bars and hotels near the United States military base in South Korea has caught the attention of Filipino embassy officials.

Here, many Filipinos employed as singers and musicians moonlight as "dancers" catering to American servicemen and other foreigners much like during the days of US bases in Clark and Subic in the Philippines.

"We discourage the deployment of entertainers in these areas particularly near the military bases," Philippine labor attaché Rey Regalado told reporters yesterday.

This year alone, he said one or two cases of Filipino women "servicing" in the military base were formally filed, he said.

While the number was not exactly many, it was enough to alarm Filipino authorities considering that there are some 2,000 Filipinos working as musicians in hotel bars and restaurants across South Korea.

It's one job that hardly appeals to Koreans, according to Regalado.

"We would want to close the market in South Korea but with the presence of all these very legitimate entertainers and musicians, I don't think we have the right to do this," he said. "I think we will violate their right to a peaceful and gainful employment."

The opportunity is simply too tempting for someone who's used to a daily minimum wage of P325 in Metro Manila. In South Korea, Regalado said an entertainer could earn about $700 (or nearly P40,000) monthly.

Moonlighting in the nearby American base naturally offers a higher price.

Strict recruitment

The problem persists despite strict recruitment measures jointly put up by Manila and Seoul.

Gone were the days when an applicant could pass for a job in a jazz bar without knowing how to sing. Aspirants are now required by the Korea Media Rating Board to submit a VTR of their past performances. They are also asked to sing a capella just to prove they could sing during the actual interview, Regalado said.

Philippine authorities want to end the problem with moonlighting entertainers soon, especially now that South Korea is expanding its market for skilled workers.

A direct employment system developed by Manila and Seoul has sent around 5,000 skilled Filipino workers directly to South Korea through the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

This year alone, Regalado said the POEA had already sent around 4,200 Filipinos, who are now working in factories and construction sites.

As of Sept. 30, there were only around 180 Filipino professionals employed in Busan, he said.

"We are expecting hundreds to come here," he said, adding that an initial batch of 25 engineers had arrived just three days ago. They were hired by two of the biggest construction and engineering companies in South Korea.

There are around 36,000 Filipinos in South Korea, nearly half of whom are undocumented, Regalado said. Those married to Koreans number around 3,600.

IN THE KNOW

BUSAN, SOUTH KOrea—Asia-Pacific leaders, ministers and company executives are taking part in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Busan, about 420 km southeast of Seoul.

Apec's 21 member economies account for 57 percent of world gross domestic product, 45.8 percent of world trade volume and 44.8 percent of the world's population, organizers say.

The Apec member economies are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan (under the name Chinese Taipei), Thailand, United States and Vietnam.

Its key policies are to promote trade liberalization and economic growth in the region.

Apec was founded with 12 members in 1989 as a meeting of ministers in Australia. The Apec leaders meeting was held for the first time at the 1993 forum in Seattle and nearby Blake Island in Washington state.

This year's meeting is being held in South Korea's second city of Busan, with a population of about 3.7 million. It is the world's fifth largest container port and host of one of the largest film festivals in Asia.

Among the spots the city lists as its most important sites are Beomeosa temple, which was founded in 678, and the UN Memorial Cemetery housing the graves of some of those killed in the UN forces that fought on the South Korean side in the 1950-1953 Korean War.

Tens of thousands of police will be on duty throughout South Korea during Apec. Defenses include anti-aircraft missile batteries, a three-tiered naval blockade, a team to battle chemical warfare assaults. *Reuters*

A HIT at the Kyungsung University which conferred her an honorary degree when she's hit in the worst way back in the homeland. Large posters of Ms Arroyo hang across buildings and video panels of her image deck the campus in Busan. Note billboard behind Ms Arroyo. AFP

Malolos 'congress' . . .

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Malolos to formally approve the declaration of independence from Spain, proclaimed three months earlier by young and vigorous Katipuneros in Cavite on June 12, 1898.

Yesterday, a second Malolos Congress declared itself convened at the exclusive Club Filipino in Greenhills, ostensibly to "rescue the country from the incompetence and corruption of the Arroyo administration."

To the background of stirringly patriotic tunes, the retired Maj. Gen. Fortunato Abat assumed leadership of a 15-man "Council of Leaders" to replace the allegedly "illegitimate" presidency of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Wearing a red-white-and-blue sash across his chest, Abat solemnly accepted the authority to head the council from some 300 delegates of the Coalition for National Solidarity in a convention modeled after the Malolos Congress called by President Emilio Aguinaldo on Sept. 15, 1898.

"We shall now undertake a peaceful and innovative transitional process to reform our institutions as well as renew the values of our people and set up a righteous leadership under a disciplined democracy," said Abat.

Nationalistic mood

To recreate the deeply nationalistic mood of that first congress of 1898, the walls behind ex-Ambassador Roy Señeres, who presided over yesterday's congress, were draped in red, white and blue.

The delegates also donned sashes sporting the colors of the Philippine flag, while the Banda Guevarra of Obando, Bulacan, played "Bayan Ko," "Pilipinas Kong Mahal," and similarly evocative melodies.

Blown-up photos of a youthful Aguinaldo and of other key personalities of the Malolos Congress, like Apolinario Mabini, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Antonio Luna, who were all in their 30s, also adorned the convention hall of Club Filipino.

The grainy photos drove home the reality that the campaign to oust the President has been left largely in the hands of the very senior citizens represented in the so-called 2nd Malolos Congress.

Aguinaldo called for the holding of the first revolutionary congress on Sept. 15, 1898, three months after he proclaimed Philippine independence in Kawit, Cavite, which formally ended more than four centuries of Spanish colonial rule.

The congress was held at the Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan, beside the convent where Aguinaldo had established his official residence and office.

Bogus president

"How can a bogus president charge us for sedition? Nothing legitimate can emanate from a bogus president," Señeres said in his brief remarks.

Señeres, a former ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and former chief of the National Labor Relations Commission, was sacked by Ms Arroyo in May for allegedly plotting to oust her.

Another prime mover of the Coalition for National Solidarity, Wilson Gamboa, was a member of the martial law-era Batasang Pambansa. He was also Abat's undersecretary when Abat served as national defense secretary during the Ramos administration.

Also seen at the congress were former Budget Secretary Salvador Enriquez, former Telecommunications Commissioner Josie Lichauco, former Congressman Gualberto Lumauig and several retired generals.

Apec to RP: Job well done

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Washington said this week was one of the world's "worst regimes" on human rights and free speech.

Asean leaders told Bush the group would not change its policy of engagement with Burma.

The meeting was held at the Westin Chosun Hotel, where the American delegation is billeted.

Philippine officials were tight-lipped on whether Ms Arroyo had the chance to speak in private with Bush.

Juan Dayang Jr., vice consul of the Philippine Embassy in Korea, on Thursday said such a meeting was being arranged.

If that happened, Foreign Undersecretary Edsel Custodio said there was a possibility that Ms Arroyo would bring up the issue of the 22-year-old Filipino woman allegedly raped by six US Marine soldiers in Subic Freeport.

Respite

The President's participation in the 13th Apec leaders meeting has given her a temporary respite from controversies at home.

Speaking at the Kyung Sung University here yesterday, Ms Arroyo said her government was pressing its offensive against the remnants of the Abu Sayyaf "even as we sustain our war against terrorism through intensified and well-coordinated intelligence gathering to preempt terror attacks."

A big hit

Ms Arroyo was conferred an honorary doctorate degree in law by the university.

"Today, the Philippines is on the verge of economic take-off," she said before a small crowd of students, professors and members of her own delegation.

While the President may be unpopular in surveys and getting a bad press in Manila, here in Busan she is a big hit.

She was given red-carpet treatment at the university. Large posters hanging across buildings and video panels showing her pictures decorated the campus.

The Philippine delegation was also the only one to receive a formal welcome from a "host district."

35 Korean dishes

Hyun Jin Jo, an information officer for the Busan city government, told the INQUIRER that prior to the Apec meeting, each of the city's 16 districts were assigned a particular delegation to host. But only the Philippines got one, its delegation being treated to a sumptuous dinner of 35 Korean dishes on Thursday.

Wearing a maroon "turumagi," the traditional Korean silk overcoat, and a "hayam," an elaborate headdress, the President underscored the long history of cooperation between Seoul and Manila, dating back to the Korean War when the Philippines supported the South by sending combat troops.

"Just as we were there for you in your battle against communism in the 1950s, I am grateful that you are there for us in our war against poverty today," she said in her speech.

Korean projects

Ms Arroyo thanked Korea for its $50-million loan for the rehabilitation and modernization of the Philippine National Railways' south commuter line courtesy of the economic development cooperation fund.

The project will involve a modern railway system from Caloocan to Alabang and later to Calamba in Laguna.

A shipyard/ship-building project worth $1 billion by Korean company Hanjin is also under way in Subic, according to Dayang, third secretary of the Philippine Embassy here.

"Korea is the Philippines' most important source of tourism today," Ms Arroyo said. "Tourism is one of the growth sectors of the Philippine future, together with other human resource skills-incentive service sectors like information and communication technology."

Cost-effective

In his talk with reporters on terrorism, Defensor noted that countries in northern Asia could barely relate with the terrorism problem in the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries.

He said an effective way to involve them in the campaign was to float the message that "we are addressing all manifestations of terrorisms [which] are all the same—bombings, kidnappings, assassinations."

Defensor said each Apec member agreed to come out with its own action plan against terrorism and this would be subject to review every year.

"If there is a gap somewhere, they have to tell us and share it with others."

Defensor said it was not easy to solicit commitments on how to fight terrorism among the 21 Apec member economies.

Vulnerability of airports

"It was very difficult to get a consensus because in Apec, nothing is binding. There are no treaties. There is (just this) kind of peer pressure," Defensor said.

"We were proud that we were able to get consensus on many of these deliverables. It's not an easy thing to do."

Among the so-called "deliverables" is the commitment to review is the capability of major airports to ward off terrorist attacks.

Another key "deliverable" is the secure handling of radioactive substances in compliance with International Atomic Energy Agency prescriptions, according to Defensor.

The United States earlier suggested that each Apec economy test the vulnerability of its major airports to attacks using shoulder-fired missiles.

Defensor said an agreement was reached to have this by the end of 2006.

Naia may move out

The Ninoy Aquino International Airport is apparently a prime candidate that needs shaping up. Quite near it is a squatter colony.

"Ultimately, it will have to move out because that is not the ideal place for an international airport," said Defensor.

But he said a transfer would not come soon because it would cost around $300 million. He said the Clark airport was "more ideal" than Naia to be the country's premier airport.

Arroyos to rendezvous in HK for 'family bonding'

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The President will be joined in the former British colony by First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, their children, daughters-in-law and three grandchildren who will be treated to a trip to the newly opened Disneyland theme park there.

"It's going to be a good family time and bonding time since the First Gentleman has been away for quite some time," Juris Soliman, the First Gentleman's chief of staff, said in a phone interview.

The President is now in Busan, South Korea for the 13th Asia Pacific Economic Conference (Apec) Leaders' Summit.

Daughter Luli accompanied the President on this Apec trip, but not the First Gentleman who is reportedly already in Hong Kong.

"Call it family bonding," said a source at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, who said Mike Arroyo left for Hong Kong on Nov. 17, accompanied by daughter-in-law Angela, the wife of Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, and Angela's two daughters.

Mikey flew to Hong Kong yesterday while youngest son, Dato, was scheduled to take a late flight last night.

The source was not sure if Dato's wife, Kakai, and daughter Eva Victoria, were flying with him.

Disneyland treat

Soliman said it was Mike Arroyo who arranged the Disneyland treat for the three Arroyo grandchildren—Mikaela Gloria, Eva Angelique and Eva Victoria.

Soliman said it was Mikaela Gloria, the eldest of Mikey Arroyo's two daughters, who asked the First Gentleman for the Disneyland trip.

She said the 3-year-old Mikaela was already familiar with the Disneyland characters.

Mike Arroyo returned home last month from the United States where he and his eldest son, Mikey, had gone on voluntary exile after a political crisis erupted in July, seriously threatening his wife's presidency.

The two, who denied opposition accusations that they allegedly took illegal gambling bribes, are said to have ended their "self-exile."

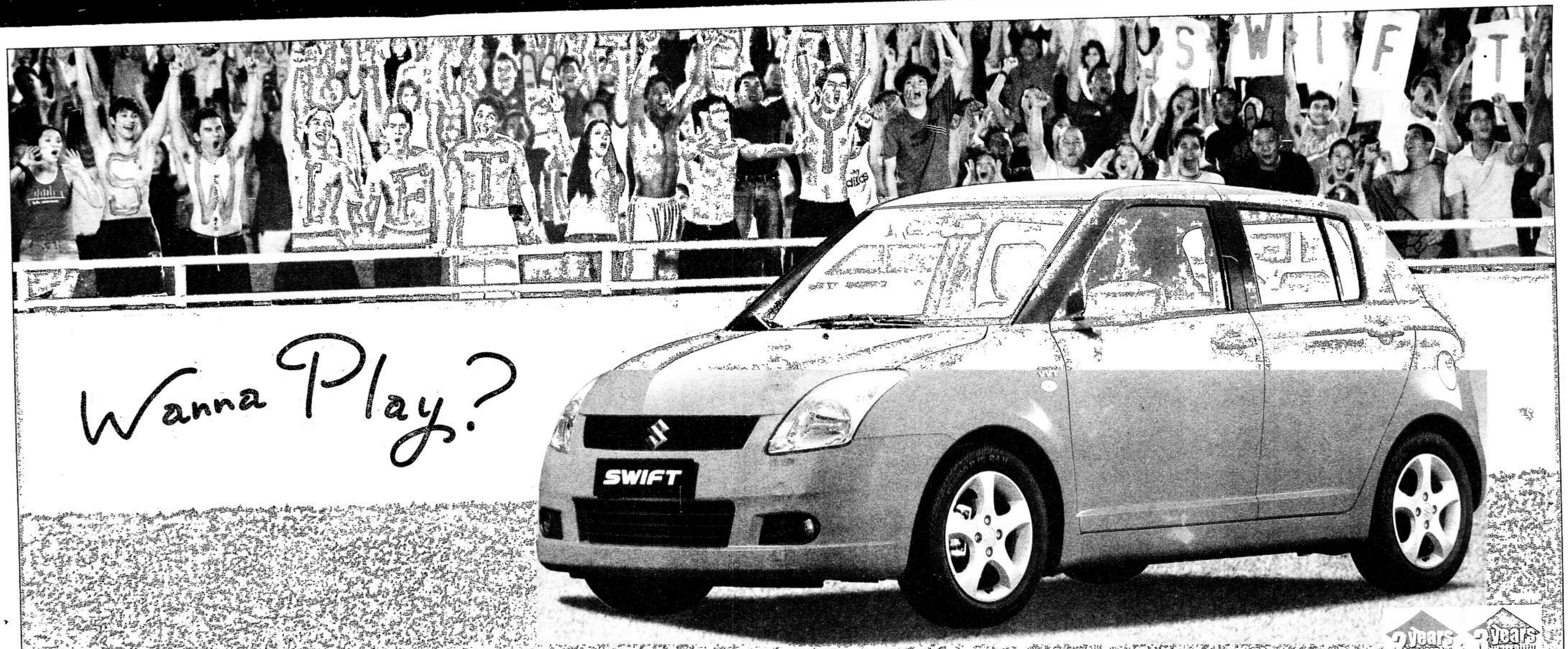
But Palace officials said the First Gentleman had only come home for the All Saints' Day commemoration, having lost an elder sister just a few months earlier.

Returns Monday

The President, who is scheduled to return at noon on Monday, was criticized when she brought along her entire family, including two nannies, when she went on a state visit to China in September 2004.

The Palace later clarified that only Mike Arroyo and brother-in-law Rep. Ignacio Arroyo were part of the official delegation. It said the expenses of the Arroyo family had not been paid for by the government.

Last September, the then San Francisco-based Mike Arroyo joined his wife in New York where she presided over a session of world leaders at the United Nations Security Council.



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Two Pinoys killed in Iraq bombing

TWO FILIPINO WORKERS WERE killed in a roadside bomb explosion in Iraq last week and preparations were underway to have their bodies repatriated, officials said yesterday.

Overseas Workers Welfare Administration deputy chief Angelo Jimenez said Philippine labor officials were coordinating with the employers and recruiters of the Ponciano Loque, 30, and

Benjie Carreon, 35, who were from Ilocos Sur and Occidental Mindoro, respectively.

Korean firm

Loque and Carreon were hired by the South Korean General Trading Co., which is based in Jeleeb, Kuwait and engaged in the sale of imported goods and items, Jimenez said. The company is a subcontractor of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service involved in the rehabilitation of Iraq.

US authorities had reported that the men died on Nov. 11 "as a result of an improvised explosive device" in eastern Iraq, said Ariz Severino Convelecer, a senior Philippine diplomat in Kuwait.

Their remains were flown to Kuwait and would be repatriated next week, the Department of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

6,000 in US facilities

About 6,000 Filipinos are employed in US military camps across Iraq, mostly as cooks and maintenance personnel. Many workers have slipped into Iraq from neighboring countries despite the Philippine government's ban on employment in the country.

An advocacy group for overseas Filipino workers, Migrante, said about a dozen Filipino workers have been killed in Iraq since 2003.

The Philippines banned deployment of workers to Iraq after insurgents abducted Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz in July 2004. To save his life, Manila granted the kidnappers' demand for the early withdrawal of its small peacekeeping contingent — a decision strongly criticized by Washington and other allies, but applauded at home.

A second Filipino abducted by Iraqi militants was freed in June after almost eight months in captivity.

Iraq ban stays

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas told reporters yesterday that the ban workers going to Iraq was likely to "stay permanently" as tension in the war-torn country continues to escalate.

"For as long as we feel that they are not safe, they will not be allowed to go there," she added.

Sto. Tomas said that based on records, Carreon was an active OWWA members and would therefore be awarded life insurance, free burial and other benefits by the government.

Loque, meanwhile, was reportedly no longer an active member because he did not renew his membership and had not returned to the country for several years now.

However, even if the OFWs were not active members of OWWA, Jimenez said they would still shoulder the repatriation expenses of the two victims.

He added they are also coordinating with the foreign principals of the victims for their insurance claims which was stated under the United States Defense Base Act.

The remains of Loque and Carreon are already at the Al Sabah Hospital mortuary in Kuwait City and would be repatriated as soon as the Philippine government gets the clearance. *AFP; With a report from Jerome Aning*

GLENN Masahon sits in handcuffs after he was arrested at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Friday. ROGER MARGALLO

Seaman lands in jail for bomb threat in plane

A FILIPINO SEAMAN WAS DETAINED AFTER allegedly threatening to trigger a bomb on a flight from Hong Kong to Manila yesterday, a Ninoy Aquino International Airport official said.

Flight attendants aboard the Cathay Pacific Boeing 747 reported hearing Glenn Masahon, 28, as saying he was "going to press something that will explode," said Naia security chief, retired Brig. Gen. Angel Atutubo.

The crew said Masahon, 28, a seafarer from Toledo, Cebu, refused to give up a bag he was holding. They had to chase him to grab it from him, but found no bomb inside, Atutubo said.

The crew immediately informed the plane's captain who radioed the Manila tower for assistance.

Police immediately arrested Masahon after the plane landed around noon yesterday, but found only used clothes and other belongings in the bag.

Atutubo said the man appeared to be mentally unstable, but still would be charged with making bomb threats and creating alarm and scandal.

"He didn't appear to be drunk or on drugs. But he wasn't lucid either during interrogation," Atutubo said, adding that the passenger had to be handcuffed to prevent him from causing further harm at the airport.

"It's no joke when you say there is a bomb on a plane," Atutubo said.

The incident delayed Cathay 's turnaround flight for nearly three hours.

The plane was allowed to fly back to Hong Kong after police officers thoroughly searched its cabin and cargo hold for explosives with the help of bomb-sniffing dogs and found no explosives. *AP, Nikko Dizon*

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1st Reading: 1Mac 6:1-13
Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

Some Sadducees arrived. These people claim that there is no resurrection and they asked Jesus this question, "Master, in the Scripture Moses told us: 'If anyone dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother must take the wife, and the child to be born will be regarded as the child of the deceased man.' Now, there were seven brothers; the first married a wife, but he died without children; and the second and the third took the wife; in fact all seven died leaving no children. Last of all the woman died. On the day of the resurrection, to which of them will the woman be wife? For the seven had her as wife."

And Jesus replied, "Taking husband or wife is proper to people of this world, but for those who are considered worthy of the world to come and of resurrection from the dead, there is no more marriage. Besides, they cannot die for they are like the angels. They too are sons and daughters of God because they are born of the resurrection.

"Yes, the dead will be raised, and even Moses implied it in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. For he is God of the living and not of the dead, and for him all are alive."

Some teachers of the Law then agreed with Jesus, "Master, you have spoken well." They didn't dare to ask him anything else.

Commentary

The Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus and make him look stupid, proposing to him an impossible situation—they do not believe in resurrection. But Jesus will not be caught in their games. There will not be the same relations after death and resurrection as there were on earth. We will be the sons and daughters of God, born of life everlasting and forever free. We are born into this life in our baptisms and no matter our vocation we are to live professing the power of life over death and practicing resurrection, dying and rising with Christ until the day we die. Lord, may we practice resurrection and bring hope to others today.

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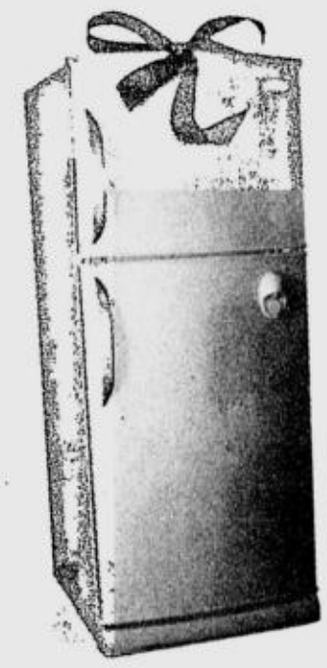

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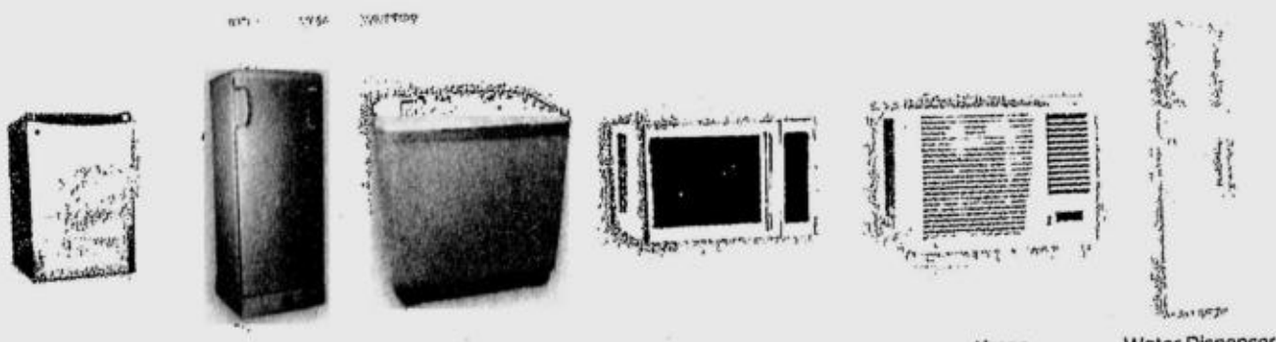

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MARTINEZ

Filipino wins in US piano tilt, plays at Carnegie Hall

A YOUNG PIANIST FROM THE PHILIPPINES is one of the winners of the Artists International Awards for 2005.

Hector Martinez Jr. won the Annual Award Auditions for piano. He was featured in a solo piano concert on Nov. 12 at the Carnegie Hall in New York City. He played Frederick Chopin's piano masterpiece Andante Spianato & Grand Polonaise Brillante Op 22. His repertoire also included preludes by Olivier Messiaen and Johann Sebastian Bach, two legends by Franz Liszt, and Enrique Granado's Danzas Españolas.

A university scholar at the UP College of Music and student of the late Dr. Asuncion Laureola, Martinez is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music where he earned his bachelor's and masters degrees in piano performance. He studied under Dr. Solomon Mikowsky and Don Alexander Fedders.

Established in 1970, the Artists International Awards undertakes an annual search for gifted young artists and presents outstanding musicians through its Annual Award Auditions.

THANKSGIVING TREAT

Oil firms cut fuel prices by 50¢/liter

By Abigail L. Ho

GIVING MOTORISTS A THANKSGIVING TREAT, oil firms have again reduced prices of their gasoline, diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter.

Initiating the rollback at 10 p.m. yesterday were new players Eastern Petroleum Corp. and Seaoil Petroleum Corp., followed two hours later by Petron, Pilipinas Shell, Caltex, Total and Flying V.

The oil companies cited the softening of world oil prices as the reason for the latest rollback, the fourth this month.

According to data from the Department of Energy, the regional benchmark Dubai crude slipped to a November average of $52.01 a barrel from $53.96 barrel last month.

The price of unleaded gasoline, based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products, had also dropped to a Nov. 1-17 average of $62.11 a barrel, against the October average of $69.10 a barrel.

MOPS-based diesel had also declined significantly to an average of $65.47 a barrel in the first 16 days of the month, from $76.08 a barrel the month before.

Since the start of the month, oil firms have reduced gasoline prices by P2.35 a liter and diesel and kerosene prices by P2.10 a liter.

With these price reductions, premium unleaded gasoline now retails at between P36.75 and P38.10 a liter, diesel at between P30.46 and P31.85 a liter and kerosene at between P32.89 and P34.50 a liter.

Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla earlier said motorists could now look forward to "happier weekends" as world oil prices soften and the peso strengthens.

However, the same cannot be said to liquefied petroleum gas. Shell has again increased cooking gas prices by 50 centavos a kilogram.

But Petron, Caltex and Total did not adjust their LPG prices.

An 11-kg cylinder of LPG now retails at between P480.50 and P545.50.

CHEd chair is Puno, says Malacañang

By Alcuin Papa

MALACAÑANG HAS SETTLED THE ROW AT the Commission on Higher Education with the formal appointment of Dr. Carlito Puno as the new CHEd Chair.

Puno told reporters yesterday that he was committing himself to "cleaning house" and immediately announced plans to scuttle questioned transactions entered into by the agency, including a controversial P130-million CHEd building to be constructed inside the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City.

Puno's Nov. 17 appointment as CHEd chair until July 2006 is expected to put an end to a feud over the past few months between him and CHEd Deputy Executive Director Julito Vitriolo.

Vitriolo had challenged Puno's continued stay as acting chair, claiming his appointment as a commissioner had expired and, therefore, so had his stint as acting chair. But Puno stood his ground, saying the two appointments were separate matters.

Their fight came to a boil last week when Puno and Vitriolo engaged in a heated argument right after a flag ceremony and employees staged a walkout.

Puno was named CHEd Acting Chair last May after the resignation of the Dominican educator Fr. Rolando De La Rosa.

Among the causes of the friction between Vitriolo and Puno was the bidding for the proposed CHEd building in UP which Vitriolo said Puno wanted to scuttle to accommodate a favored contractor.

Puno also told reporters the proposed building was overpriced and he would order a stop to the bidding, which he would turn over to the Department of Public Works and Highways.

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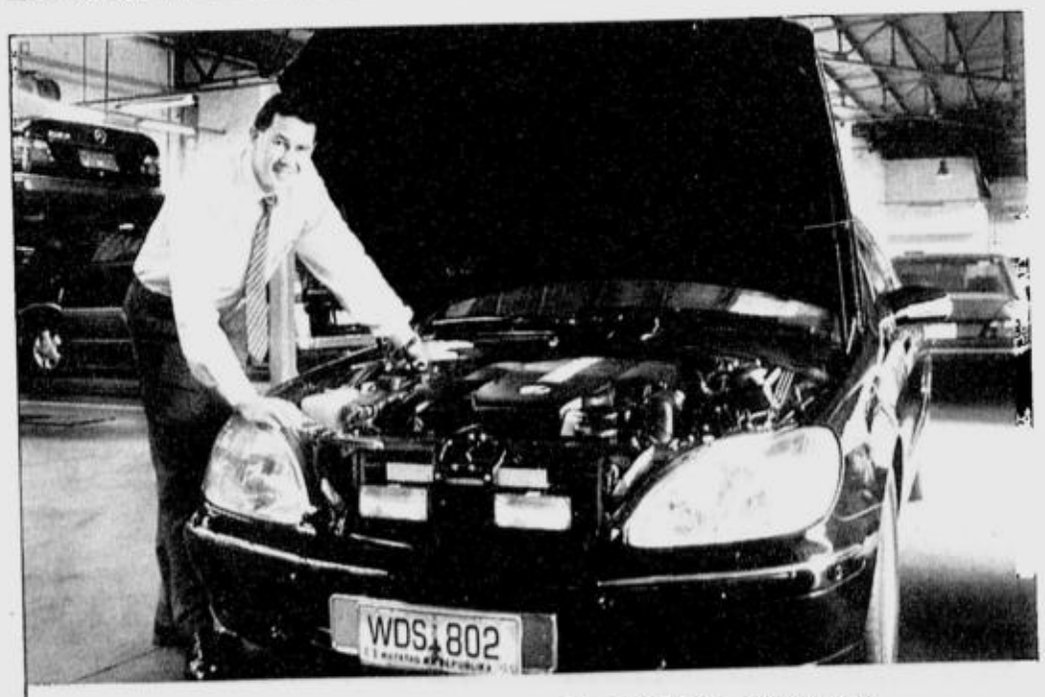

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The WORLD

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US House leader calls for Iraq pullout

WASHINGTON—A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL leader on defense called for an immediate withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, as he rejected on Thursday Bush administration attacks on war critics and raised bipartisan pressure for a new policy.

"The US cannot accomplish anything further in Iraq militarily. It is time to bring them home," said Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, the senior Democrat on the House of Representatives subcommittee that oversees defense spending and one of his party's top voices on military issues.

Murtha's remarks followed a string of sharp attacks by President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney against critics of their Iraq-war policy and handling of prewar intelligence.

White House spokesperson Scott McClellan, in a statement issued with Bush in Pusan, South Korea, said Murtha is a respected veteran and politician "so it is baffling that he is endorsing the policy positions of Michael Moore and the extreme liberal wing of the Democratic Party." Moore is a liberal movie producer and sharp Bush critic whose documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" criticized the Iraq war.

"The eve of an historic democratic election in Iraq is not the time to surrender to the terrorists. After seeing his statement, we remain baffled—nowhere does he explain how retreating from Iraq makes America safer," McClellan said.

Murtha, a defense hawk, decorated Vietnam War veteran and retired Marine colonel, made a reference to the draft deferments that kept Cheney out of Vietnam.

"I like guys who got five deferments and (have) never been there and send people to war, and then don't like to hear suggestions about what needs to be done," Murtha said.

His call came two days after the Republican-controlled Senate overwhelmingly backed a resolution asking the administration for a plan to end the war, but rejected a Democratic resolution demanding a timetable from Bush.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada accused the White House of "a weak, spineless display of politics at a time of war" with its campaign against war critics.

Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy said Bush's "pure, unadulterated fear-mongering" led the country into war.

Murtha, who supported the Iraq war but criticized Bush's handling of it, urged the administration to pull out US troops as soon as it could be done safely. He estimated that would take about six months.

Republicans lashed out against the lawmaker who has served in Congress since 1974 and been a trusted defense adviser to presidents of both parties. *Reuters*

Protesters clash with riot police near Apec venue

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA—SOUTH KOREAN police fired water cannons to keep stone-throwing anti-globalization protesters away from a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders here Friday.

Some 10,000 marchers confronted police close to the convention center where US President George W. Bush and 20 other Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum leaders were debating lowering barriers to trade and investment and other issues.

Violence flared when a group of around 100 frustrated protesters broke away from the main anti-Apec demonstration and tried to punch through police lines around one kilometer from the summit venue, witnesses said.

Police responded by firing bursts from three water cannons as some demonstrators armed themselves with wooden sticks and steel pipes.

Earlier police said they expected a crowd of up to 30,000, and used steel barriers and cargo containers to block off roads around the summit venue.

Riot police in full body armor wielding clubs were stationed at key junctions.

Chanting anti-US slogans and waving colorful banners reading "No Apec, No Bush" and "Terrorist Bush Go Home," protesters said they were angry at the South Korean government's plans to open its rice market to cheap foreign imports.

"We oppose rice opening," chanted farmers groups from across the country opposed to World Trade Organization agreements opening the Korean market to foreign food imports.

Two farmers committed suicide in the past week by drinking weedkiller in protest at globalization.

Security officials say up to 46,000 police, troops and undercover agents have been mobilized to protect the Apec leaders amid appeals from officials for demonstrators to keep the peace.

"We are bracing for huge protests," a spokesperson for the Busan police said earlier.

Protest leaders said earlier they were hoping for a turnout of 100,000 in the port city which police transformed into a virtual fortress by erecting a ring of steel barriers across a wide perimeter around the summit convention center. *AFP*

French police say all clear after 3 weeks of riots

PARIS—FRENCH POLICE DECLARED THE all-clear Thursday after three weeks of rioting which has left the government stunned, bruised and casting around for explanations.

The national police service said there was a "return to a normal situation everywhere in France" overnight, with just 98 vehicles torched nationwide.

That figure was within the average nightly range seen before the riots, France's worst civil unrest in nearly four decades, broke out on Oct. 27.

A state of emergency remains in place, after the parliament voted to extend by three months a law giving authorities the right to impose curfews and widen police search powers.

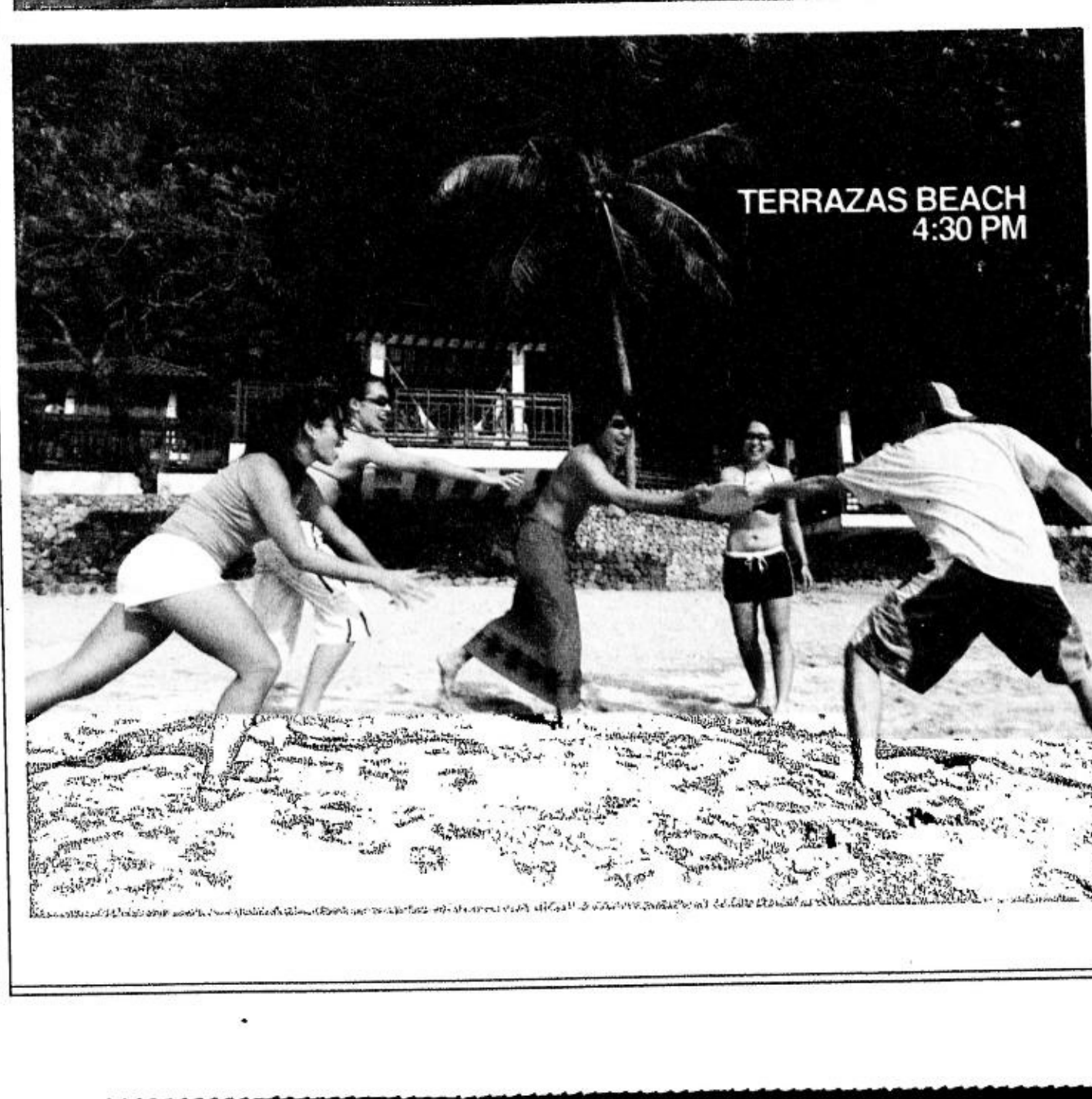
In all, since the start of the troubles, 9,071 vehicles have been destroyed and 2,921 people apprehended.

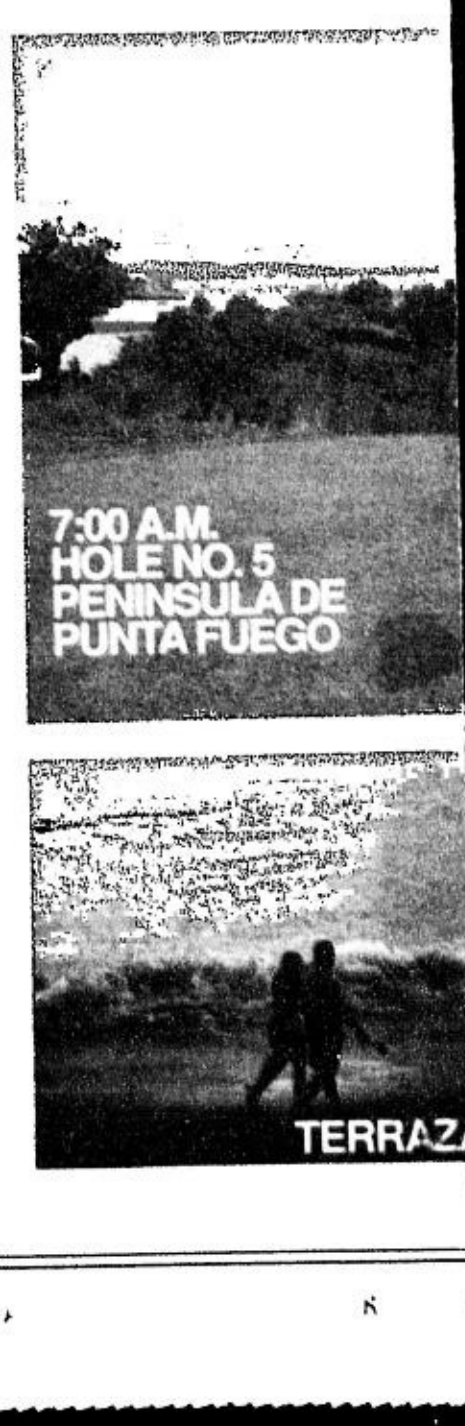
The peak of the violence was the night of Nov. 6, when 1,408 vehicles were burned. Since then, and under the state of emergency imposed by President Jacques Chirac's government, it has gradually subsided.

The Rhone region covering Lyon and nearby southeastern towns said Thursday it was lifting a curfew on minors after just eight cars were burned overnight, while the curfew in Amiens, north of Paris, was to be lifted from Friday.

The political class has been left struggling to explain the reasons that fueled the unrest, which spread around most major towns and cities, creating the worst urban violence since the 1968 student revolt.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said Thursday that "I have never in my political life known three weeks of such extreme tension." *AFP*





Castro laughs off CIA report that he suffers from Parkinson's

HAVANA—FIDEL CASTRO SCOFFED AT NEW reports that he suffers from Parkinson's disease, saying those who believe the countless rumors about his health will be disappointed when he lives on. In an apparent first, he insisted he would step down if he became too ill to govern.

"They have tried to kill me off so many times," Castro told scores of student leaders who gathered Thursday to mark the start of the 79-year-old president's studies at the University of Havana 60 years ago.

But, Castro said, "disappointment follows disappointment," for those who believe and circulate the frequent reports that his health is suffering. "I feel, luckily, better than ever."

Dressed in his trademark olive green uniform, the communist leader looked fit and actually seemed to gain strength as he stood at a mahogany lectern inside the university's elegant Aula Magna during a speech that lasted a little more than 5 1/2 hours.

The latest report about Castro's health emerged Wednesday when US officials said that American intelligence analysis indicates he may suffer from Parkinson's disease.

The report was first carried by The Miami Herald, citing government officials saying the CIA was briefing American policy makers about the Cuban leader's health and warning them to be prepared if his health deteriorated and made it difficult for him to lead.

The Cuban president, now in power for nearly 47 years, said he would not insist on remaining in power if he ever became too sick to lead the country.

"If I don't feel I'm in condition, I'll call the (Communist) Party and tell them I don't feel I'm in condition ... that please, someone take over the command," Castro said.

But Castro also indicated such a scenario was unlikely to occur soon, telling the students that he exercises regularly, watches his diet, "and don't neglect myself in any way."

"And now they say that the CIA has discovered I have Parkinson's!" he told the student leaders at his alma mater, where he studied law before he launched the revolution that triumphed on Jan. 1, 1959.

"I wouldn't care if I got Parkinson's, the Pope (John Paul II) had Parkinson's," he said, and stretched out a steady arm. "Look at the Parkinson's," he said sarcastically.

Castro expounded on scores of other themes during his extemporaneous address, railing against Cuban workers who he said have become the "new rich" by stealing gasoline and other goods from the state. *AP*

Tycoon Conrad Black indicted for fraud in US

Black REUTERS

CHICAGO—Canadian-born tycoon Conrad Black was indicted Thursday on 11 counts of fraud for allegedly siphoning off millions of dollars from Hollinger International, the operating company for his media empire, US authorities said.

US Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald announced the indictment in Chicago, culminating months of investigations into malfeasance at what had been a sprawling global media empire.

Black, who renounced Canadian citizenship to become a member of the British House of Lords, was added to the defendants in an earlier indictment alleging the misappropriation of $32 million from the media company.

He was also charged in a new scheme that improperly diverted $51.8 million from the 2000 sale of a group of Hollinger newspapers to CanWest of Canada.

"Officers and directors of publicly traded companies who steer shareholders' money into their pockets should not lie to the board of directors to get permission to do so," Fitzgerald said in a statement.

"Insiders at Hollinger all the way to the top of the corporate ladder whose job it was to safeguard the shareholders made it their jobs to steal and conceal."

Black created a Chicago-based media group called Hollinger International that was the operating company for its newspapers. It still owns the Chicago Sun-Times.

The company was controlled through Canadian-based holding firm Hollinger Inc., which in turn was controlled by Hollinger's personal holding company Ravelston.

Black and his closest deputies have been under criminal and securities investigation in the United States and Canada for allegedly siphoning money and assets from Hollinger's Chicago-based subsidiary Hollinger International Inc.

Since Black's troubles emerged, his media empire has been broken up, with newspapers including the Daily Telegraph of London and the Jerusalem Post sold off.

A superseding indictment unsealed in Chicago named Black along with Hollinger International's former chief financial officer John Boultbee; former vice president and general counsel Peter Atkinson; another vice president and attorney Mark Kipnis; and Ravelston.

David Radler, the former publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times, was indicted in August. At the time, prosecutors said he was cooperating with the investigation. *AFP*

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Kids die after Tamiflu use

WASHINGTON—US regulators are studying the deaths of 12 children in Japan who took Roche AG's flu-fighting drug Tamiflu, but it was difficult to tell whether the drug played a role in any of the cases, officials said on Thursday. The US Food and Drug Administration said it was "concerning" that 32 psychiatric events, such as hallucinations and abnormal behavior, also had been reported in children who took Tamiflu. The drug is in high demand because it is considered to be one of the best defenses against avian flu in people. All but one of the psychiatric problems also were reported in Japan, the FDA said. *Reuters*

Car bomb blasts in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Two suicide car bombers detonated vehicles Friday in a residential district, and a hotel housing foreign journalists was the apparent target, US and Iraqi officials said. The blast was also close to an Interior Ministry building at the center of a torture dispute. At least six people were killed and 43 injured in the blast near the Hamra hotel in the Jadriyah district, officials said. The blasts reverberated throughout the city center, sent a mushroom cloud hundreds of feet into the air and was followed by sporadic small arms fire. *AP*

'Sexiest Man Alive'

MCCONAUGHEY AFP

LOS ANGELES—American actor Matthew McConaughey has received the ultimate compliment: he's been named the magazine People's "Sexiest Man Alive." The tousle-haired Texan, 36, follows in the footsteps of earlier holders of the coveted title, who include 2004's honoree, British actor Jude Law, George Clooney, Pierce Brosnan, Brad Pitt and John F. Kennedy Jr. The self-effacing McConaughey however is not allowing the accolade—announced in a special edition of People set to hit newsstands Friday—to go to his head. "I like the Alive part," he quipped. "Now I've made it. Wait until you see the roles I could take after this," he joked to People. "You're going to see my gut hanging over, plus 22 pounds. It'll be a whole new kind of sexy!" McConaughey has starred in such films as "The Wedding Planner," 1997's "Amistad" by Steven Spielberg and "Contact" from director Robert Zemeckis, co-starring Jodie Foster, and 1996's "A Time to Kill." McConaughey told the magazine that he has not worn deodorant in 20 years and likes sleeping naked. He said his worst habit is "nicotine" and his biggest turn-on is grace in a woman. *AFP*

Seoul may cut Iraq troops

SEOUL—South Korea plans to pull out about one-third of its 3,200 troops in Iraq beginning in the first half of next year, the Defense Ministry said on Friday, but Seoul's foreign minister said no final decision had been made. The ministry announced the plan a day after US President George W. Bush expressed gratitude for Seoul's reconstruction efforts in Iraq at a meeting with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun. *Reuters*

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Young killing machines

EDITORIAL

THERE'S NOTHING SURPRISING ABOUT THE REVElation of a book on the insurgency conflicts in the country that Filipino children have taken to arms as naturally as they have taken to play. The book, "Deadly Playgrounds: The Phenomenon of Child Soldiers in the Philippines," merely puts statistics and social science analysis to what has been widely suspected all along: children are sucked into the raging armed conflicts nationwide, either as victims or as combatants.

Nymia Simbulan, the author of the study published by the Philippine Human Rights Information Center, said the kid combatants are involved with both sides of the conflict, with rebels or secessionists and government-supported militias. The study interviewed 197 children, aged 17 and below, and found out that half of the respondents belonged to the New People's Army, a third to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, and the rest to communist hit squads in the urban centers and military-backed paramilitary groups around the countryside.

If we are to be bittersweet about it, the study shows that children are no fence-sitters, something that cannot be said of adults. The rub, of course, is that at an age when they should be playing or going to school, they are killing one another in the name of intractable conflicts whose origins date back to the time when they were not yet born.

Simbulan notes, however, one more bittersweet finding: these children embraced the armed conflicts without coercion or torture, unlike elsewhere in the world where children are abducted and forced into joining armed movements.

We don't know if Simbulan had the proper critical distance to make that conclusion. After all, the key-informant interviews she did with the kids would not have otherwise yielded the finding that the kids were forced into combat and soldiership. The children would not have admitted or confessed that—not with their elders around or, for that matter, when they were under the watchful eye of their military superiors. At least on the matter of parental or higher-authority obedience, these kids apparently behaved like kids.

The lack of critical appreciation of the pitfalls of the interview, the danger that the children might not be really speaking their mind and could, in fact, have been foisting a convenient lie to avoid sanction from their military elders, is what damages the study. The research seems all too taken by the assumptions of social research, which idealistically tries to approximate the strictly controlled set-up of laboratory research.

But strictly speaking, there's no such thing as a social laboratory. Social factors and causes swirl around social subjects and issues, impinging on one another, often colliding and canceling each other out. And social respondents don't give the right answer, or the answer that will reflect their conviction or social situation. The title of a book sums up the perils of social research: "Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics."

But whether or not the children were really free to speak their mind and recount their stories, Simbulan's book should be an eye-opener on the protracted social conflicts that have been the history of this sad republic for close to half a century now. The study shows that while our conflicts have grown old and hoary, the coastal shelf of hostility and violence ever deepening, our combatants are getting younger. If our nation's leaders subscribe to the rhetoric of forging peace today in order to ensure a more stable and peaceful society for the next generations, how does the rhetoric stand, now that the next generations have taken to war even before adults could hammer out peace?

The study is correct in saying that to get rid of long-festering social conflicts, or at least to stop the supply of young combatants that risk fueling and prolonging further the conflicts, there ought to be social investments. And social investments should target the most vulnerable sectors: the women and the children who often are caught in the crossfire of men at arms blinded by hate, ideology and petty resentments.

Social investments would help douse the fire of a social volcano created by wrong and twisted priorities. There should be an end to our conflicts. God forbid that old wars be fought, stoked and worsened by the young.

Dual citizenship

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I WAS ONE OF THE LECTURERS AT THE Mandatory Continuing Legal Education course sponsored by the SASSI (Sophia Advanced Scholastic Solutions Inc.) and spoke on Dual Citizenship and its Ramifications. My talk dealt with the provisions and consequences of Rep. Act No. 9225, officially designated as the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003.

The law provides for the reacquisition or retention of Philippine citizenship by persons who are also citizens or subjects of another or other countries. Such persons are legally known as dual citizens, or even multiple citizens if they owe allegiance to more than two countries. Such status may be acquired voluntarily or by mere operation of law.

The common example is the simultaneous application of *jus soli*, which automatically makes a person a citizen of the country of his birth regardless of the citizenship of his parents, and *jus sanguinis*, which determines a person's citizenship by his blood relationship wherever he may be born. Thus, a child born to a Filipino father or mother in the United States is a citizen of the Philippines *jure sanguinis* and also a citizen of the United States *jure soli*.

There are some states that do not permit its citizens to acquire another citizenship without its consent under the doctrine of indelible allegiance. In one case, for example, an American citizen who was naturalized in France and had accepted a commission in the French navy was convicted of violating the US Neutrality Act of 1874. The court held that he could not renounce his allegiance to the United States without its consent and was therefore still subject to its laws.

Under Com. Act No. 63, one way of losing Philippine citizenship was "in case of a woman, upon her marriage to a foreigner if by virtue of the laws in force in her husband's country, she acquires his nationality." Art. IV, Sec. 4 of the present Constitution now provides, however, that "citizens of the Philippines who marry aliens shall retain their citizenship unless by their act or omission they are deemed, under the law, to have renounced it." Absent such renunciation, they become dual citizens of this country and of their spouse's country.

Dual citizenship will not arise if the country of a person's original citizenship provides for its forfeiture upon his acquisition of another citizenship. Gov. Juan Frivaldo and Mayor Ramon Labo were both disqualified from serving as local officials because they lost their Philippine citizenship upon their naturalization in the United States and Australia, respectively.

(In the case of Gov. Lito Osmeña of Cebu, the Supreme Court held that his having declared himself as a citizen of the United States did not necessarily mean that he was not also a citizen of the Philippines. Justices Padilla, Melencio-Herrera and I dissented.)

Rep. Act No. 9225 provides that *natural-born citizens* of the Philippines who *have lost* their Philippine citizenship *by reason of their naturalization* as citizens of a foreign country are hereby deemed to have *reacquired* Philippine citizenship upon taking the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines. (Emphasis mine.)

The italicized words show that this provision applies only to natural born Filipinos who *before the effectivity of this law* lost their Philippine citizenship *exclusively* by reason of naturalization in another country and *not any other mode* like express renunciation of Philippine citizenship or accepting a commission in the armed forces of another country. By this method, the forfeiture of Philippine citizenship is corrected by their reacquisition.

The same Sec. 1 of the law also provides that "*natural-born citizens* of the Philippines who, *after the effectivity of this Act*, become citizens of a foreign country shall *retain* their Philippine citizenship upon taking the aforesaid oath." (Emphasis mine.) This rule will benefit citizens who formerly would have lost their Philippine citizenship by any of the modes enumerated in Com. Act No. 63 but are now allowed to retain them.

Both the *re-acquisition* and the *retention* of Philippine citizenship under the Act are not automatic but conditioned upon the taking of the prescribed oath which, significantly, does not contain a renunciation of allegiance to the other country of which the re-admitted or retained citizen of the Philippines continues to also be a citizen. His dual citizenship will end if the other country rejects him, in which case he will be considered a citizen only of the Philippines.

Noteworthy is the requirement in the law that any person seeking elective or appointive office in the Philippines should include in his oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines an express renunciation of allegiance to any and all other countries. Such renunciation will also have the effect of terminating his status as a dual citizen under our laws.

Dual citizenship usually creates dual allegiance, which our Constitution describes as "inimical to the national interest." A dual citizen is like a man with two wives, one he loves and the other he needs. Some occasions may occur when he will have to choose between sentiment and convenience.

Balance

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

UNDERSECRETARY RIC SALUDO, WHO IN A previous incarnation (before he joined the government) was an excellent journalist (Asiaweek, CNN), texted me the other day when he found out that the "Debate with Mare and Pare" issue was going to be about media and government responsibility. He suggested that I ask for a show of hands from the studio audience to answer the question: Which of two newspapers would you buy—the one headlined "Economic Recovery!" or the one headlined "Economic Crisis!"?

While I did not follow his suggestion, I appreciated his point: good news doesn't sell as well as bad news. Not here, and not anywhere in the world. One can therefore understand, at least partly, why newspapers, or media in general, while striving to achieve the objective of keeping the public informed, tend to dwell on the bad.

But what is good for the media is not necessarily good for the country, particularly a developing one which needs to be attractive to tourists and investors. (Beware of the fallacy of composition: what is good for a part may not be good for the whole.) Because the media serve as the main window through which not only Filipinos but the rest of the world see the Philippines, the negative image that is projected may hinder the country's march to development. Which is precisely the point of Jaime Augusto Zobel at the Advertising Congress in Cebu: "We fail to sell our real strengths and capabilities, while our weaknesses are often amplified."

Perhaps President Macapagal-Arroyo should take lessons from Zobel on how to deliver a point, because she said essentially the same thing in her speech before the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas, and she got crucified. Of course, Zobel never mentioned the word "media" (if he did, it was not quoted), while the President's speech was not only explicitly about the media, it was made in the lion's den. Nevertheless, Zobel did not imply, nor did the President ask, that weaknesses not be brought out; only that they should not be amplified, and that the strong points be given more attention. In other words, both called for balance—an eminently reasonable request.

OK, let me try to contribute to the balancing, by pointing out some of the good news that "blush unseen." One is that barring an unforeseen agriculture slowdown, the third, and more so the fourth, quarter might show a better growth performance than predicted by independent forecasters. What is the basis of this opinion? The behavior of the NSCB/Neda composite Leading Economic Indicator (LEI) index.

The LEI is a group of 11 indicators "that consistently move upward or downward before the actual expansion or contraction of economic activity." Thus, it is a short-term forecasting tool. These indicators? Consumer price index, electric energy consumption, exchange rate, hotel occupancy rate, money supply, number of new business incorporations, stock price index, terms of trade index, total imports, tourist arrivals, and wholesale price index. For the fourth quarter this year, seven of these indicators contributed positively, while four were negative (hotel occupancy, new businesses, terms of trade, wholesale price index). Thus, the composite index went up from -0.008 in Q2 to +0.06 in Q3, to + 0.223 in Q4.

At the micro level, there's more good news. One shows that people power is alive and well—as seen from the experience of cities and municipalities in improving the quality of their children's education. All work with the Synergeia Foundation headed by CEO Nene Guevara, with which I am proud to be associated. Take the municipality of Upi in Maguindanao where people from three cultures are cooperating in the effort, with even the children involved—the latter come out on local radio to ask the community to pay their real property taxes—the source of the Special Education Fund to finance their educational needs. Then there's the town of E.B. Magalona in Negros Occidental, where Mayor Gamboa has created expanded Barangay Local School Boards with representatives from all sectors to address the problem, with astonishing results: an 18 percentage point increase in the average performance scores of their elementary school students (from 43 to 61; the national average is 50). That's just two of many municipalities which are tackling the education crisis—and winning. People power is alive and kicking.

Then, there's the novel way in which the health worker shortage (nurses, doctors) and the high cost of health service are being addressed by private sector initiative. Stepping into the gap are—you guessed it—midwives. They are setting up a network of clinics—the Well-Family Midwife Clinic—on a franchise concept, to provide affordable, quality family planning and maternal and child health services.

That these are very much needed can be seen from the statistics: an actual Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 3.8, versus a desired TFR of 2.8; a maternal mortality rate that is four times that of Thailand; infant and under-5 mortality rates that used to be lower but are now higher than that of Thailand.

And there's a kicker: You get two for the price of one—developmental objectives achieved and entrepreneurial capabilities enhanced. Plus stemming the brain drain because midwives stay here or return from abroad, attracted by the opportunities.

If the ball is being dropped at the national level, it is being picked up at the local level. Go, team Philippines.

Frustrating to GMA's opponents

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE LATEST PULSE ASIA SURVEY SHOWS THAT the President's approval and trust ratings have returned to the level of the June 2005 survey, with 24 percent saying they approved of GMA's performance, a five-percentage point improvement from the 19 percent in last July's survey. Her trust rating jumped up to 21 percent from 17 percent, while her distrust rating went down to 52 from 58 percent in July. I'm sure the Palace drew some comfort from these slight improvements in her approval and trust ratings, but Pulse Asia still regards them as a "lack of movement" and attributes them in part to "people's perceptions that certain issues regarding the presidency have not been resolved satisfactorily."

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Given what GMA went through since July, she should welcome this development. Consider that her political opponents threw everything at her during the last five months: the resignation of seven Cabinet members and three non-Cabinet officials, Cory Aquino's and Franklin Drilon's campaign against her, the impeachment trial in August-September, the interminable hearings on various issues before and after the impeachment process, and the "people's court." All these have been given full play by some media entities sympathetic to the opposition. And yet her ratings have gone back to the level before all the political turmoil triggered by the Garci tape began. This must be frustrating to her opponents.

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GMA's disapproval ratings could have shot up some more when the Supreme Court gave the green light for the implementation of the EVAT last Nov. 1 and oil prices were at an all-time high, yet they did not. Palace analysts read this as a sign that people have begun to appreciate the need to take the bitter EVAT pill to solve the budget deficit and other economic problems. They also opine that the people understand clearly that high oil prices were not government's fault, but a development abroad that affected all oil-importing nations.

Those factors, to be sure, had their effect. But I think two other factors also affected the opposition's efforts to oust GMA. One is the overkill factor—*nasosobrahan na ang mamamayan sa mga* "exposés" and it could be turning into sympathy for her. The other factor is the lack of an alternative—all those seeking to remove her are themselves damaged goods.

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Consider the copious tears of Dinky Soliman, which seem to have been as contrived as the streak of mauve or gold in her hair. She tearfully testified before the "people's court" about how she had allowed herself to be used in the last elections by GMA and apologized to the nation. But why is she telling these things only now? I recall the beatific smile on her face as she rode with the President in her limousine for so many months—the only Cabinet member given that privilege. Was it the loss of that precious privilege that kept her from talking for a year and a half?

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I also read the full-page ads of Sen. Panfilo Lacson and Bro. Eddie Villanueva decrying how they had been cheated in the elections and offering themselves as the "alternative leadership." If I recall correctly, Lacson obtained three million votes while Villanueva got a million. Political analysts opine that if Lacson had only united with Fernando Poe Jr., they would have won handily. But Lacson and Villanueva by themselves? Besides, where is their "moral righteousness" coming from when Lacson cannot explain the Kuratong Baleleng and Dacer-Orbito murder cases, or the escape of his key men abroad, one of whom is now languishing in a US jail? Until now the report of the three committees that investigated the alleged drug-trafficking activities of Lacson's PAOCTF remains locked in the Senate. On the other hand, Villanueva still has to explain the charge of Benito Araneta that he had defrauded the businessman of many millions of pesos after he sold Araneta the same operating rights to his TV station that he had sold to a previous buyer.

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Two weeks ago, I ran an appeal for scholarships for 63 unsponsored students at Erda Technical-Vocational High School in Pandacan, Manila. Founded by Fr. Pierre Tritz, Erda Tech gives five-year high school education and training in 12 select technical skills to students from the poorest families. The idea is to enable them to get gainful employment after high school. Sponsorship costs about P27,000 a year, and there are still 40 unsponsored students, mostly in first year, out of more than 500 enrolled this year. Invest in our country's future by funding the education and training of these students, for only through training can they break the cycle of poverty. Call Father Tritz or administrator Wilhelmina Martinez at 564-1774, 564-2608 and 564-1856, or 0916-449-3667, or email erdatech@vasia.com or erdatech@skyinet.net

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- Don't forget the grand bazaar today and tomorrow at the Makati Sports Club from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. sponsored by Marche International Foundation for the benefit of Don Bosco Manpower Makati, Mercy Hospice Foundation Inc., Youth of San Antonio and Serviam Catholic Charismatic Community. A wide variety of local and imported goods will be on sale. There will also be all-day dining, and juice and organic wine-tasting courtesy of Drysdale Corp. and Healthy Options, respectively.
- Tomorrow, Nov. 20, the 6th Novena Mass will be celebrated at the Parish of the Holy Sacrifice on the UP campus in Diliman at 6 pm., with Bishop Ramon Arguelles as celebrant. The parish is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its first Eucharistic celebration under the legendary Fr. John P. Delaney on Dec. 20. Among the activities lined up is a series of Novena Masses officiated by past chaplains. UPSCAns and UP alumni are invited to a get-together after the Mass.
- Tune in to our dzRH program tomorrow at 9:15 p.m. with Rep. Robert Ace Barbers talking about the House leadership struggle and prospects of his home province of Surigao del Norte.

Maxi's story

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

COMING-OF-AGE IS A STAPLE THEME IN STORYtelling. Indeed, some of the best short stories, novels and films have revolved around a young person's transition from childhood, the moment when the scales of naiveté and innocence fall from a young person's eyes and he or she discovers life and reality in all its complexity, pain and beauty.

"Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" joins this long list of coming-of-age tales, but for "Maxi" it is a coming-of-age not just in terms of his emotional maturity and budding sexuality but also in relation to his family and to the reality of their situation.

Maxi is a 12-year-old gay boy raised lovingly, if brusquely, by his family of petty crooks. Ever since his mother died, Maxi has taken over the "mommy" role in the family, cooking for his father and two brothers, laundering, darning, cleaning up and even looking after the children of neighbors.

Though teased relentlessly by his family and neighborhood thugs ("Here, this is your tip, use it to buy your sanitary napkins," his father joshes at one point), Maxi enjoys an amazing amount of acceptance and fondness, his swishy ways, love for flower-printed outfits and colorful hair accessories notwithstanding. He spends his days, aside from looking after his family, earning tips from his customers in a numbers racket, watching DVDs of local films and taking part in mock beauty contests with his other gay boylet friends.

Into this quiet, idyllic existence steps in Victor, a good-looking, clean-cut policeman who comes to Maxi's rescue when he's set upon by drunken *istambays*. Suddenly, Maxi's world finds a new focus, and through dint of devotion and persistence, the boy succeeds in making friends with the macho cop. But even innocent romance must find its foe and in "Ang Pagdadalaga" the main obstacle to Maxi's love proves to be his family.

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WHO will Maxi choose? Is it at all possible to continue being a friend to Victor while remaining loyal to his father and brothers?

This becomes Maxi's central dilemma, and as the story unfolds, it becomes distressingly clear that one choice necessarily demands abandonment of the other. How Maxi resolves this thorny situation, and finds the means to move on from tragedy, brings the movie to a most satisfactory conclusion.

"Ang Pagdadalaga" is set in familiar territory—an urban poor enclave of rundown-structures, narrow alleys, esteros choked with waste—that was the natural milieu of social realists like Lino Brocka and his disciples. But while the Brocka school of gritty realism mined such a setting for socio-political conflicts, "Ang Pagdadalaga" uses it as a backdrop for a story that is as sweet and simple as Maxi himself.

This is a statement in itself, for what I glean from Michiko Yamamoto's script and Aureaeus Solito's direction is an assertion that even in the most sordid and seamy of neighborhoods, innocence can thrive, love of all kinds can flourish, and wisdom can emerge. Amid the corruption and criminality that surrounds him, Maxi proves that one boy can prove the skeptics wrong, and that happy endings are possible in even the most distressing of circumstances.

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I MUST say that "Ang Pagdadalaga" deserves all the accolades it has reaped, including Jury Prize for Best Picture in the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival, Best Picture in the Montreal World Film Festival, and Best Picture in the ImagineNative Film Festival in Toronto.

Nathan Lopez's win as Best Actor in Cinemalaya is also well-deserved, for he gives Maxi a touching vulnerability without turning him into a swishy stereotype. The gays at the preview I attended were, of course, the most volubly appreciative of his portrayal, with many later exclaiming that they envied Maxi his loving upbringing, apparently a luxury rarely enjoyed by gay men growing up.

But the movie was also well-served by the rest of the small cast. Soliman Cruz as Maxi's father, a small-time crook who's a kingpin in his little corner of the world, is a revelation. He shows touches of vulnerability, as he cuddles his gay son, and pained dignity, as he explains to his son, who cries that all he wants is a peaceful life, why he chose to be a snatcher, determined that he would never again be put in a situation where he could do nothing to save the life of a family member.

Ping Medina and Neil Ryan Sese as Maxi's older brothers are also quite effective. I was most touched by the scene in which Maxi confesses his spurned love for Victor to his hoodlum brother, who provides both gentle comfort and gruff advice.

JR Valentin as Victor, the honest cop who in the end cannot resist the blandishments of power, provides a refreshing counterpoint to all the toughies in Maxi's life. I found him a bit too wooden for comfort, though, although his stoicism provides contrast to Maxi's adoration.

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"ANG Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" was recently granted an "A" rating from the Cinema Evaluation Board, joining two other independent digital movies "Ilusyon" and "Big Time" (way to go Kyen!) as among the best films produced in this country this year.

I'm told that ufo Pictures, the outfit of independent filmmakers behind "Ang Pagdadalaga," spent so much on converting from digital to film format that they will need to make a bundle at the box-office to recoup their investment. The tax rebates care of the "A" rating help, but what they really need are moviegoers' patronage.

Do watch "Ang Pagdadalaga," not only to remember your own coming-of-age, but also to herald the coming-of-age of young, independent, free-thinking filmmakers who are the hope of Philippine film. It opens in theaters Nov. 30.

Holiday offerings

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

THERE'S A CONSPIRACY TO PREVENT ME from losing those 10 pounds I've been complaining about. As it is, I've been trying (unsuccessfully, I might add) to get into this *baro't saya* for the past six months, to no avail. To be fair, there's also the fact that I haven't met a carbohydrate I didn't like, which makes it doubly difficult.

But seriously, when Charisse Chuidian of the Mandarin Oriental told me that they were planning "Paskuhan—A Filipino Heritage Christmas," reliving Filipino Christmas customs and holiday cuisine, to launch the holiday season, I was thrilled. After all, Filipino Christmases are exceptionally wonderful. I know that the "gloomers" and "doomers" have been saying that it's going to be bleak, what with the price of oil and the VAT and the politicians, but you watch it. I am sure that those who have more will reach out to those with less, and it's the giving not the receiving that we have to keep in mind.

But to go back to Mandarin's Christmas, this all started with the hotel's celebration of "Piging" in May, in conjunction with the Filipino Heritage Month. That inspired the general manager, Helmut Gaisberger, "to carry on with the same underlying theme for our Christmas celebration this year," paying tribute to "the elegance of a period in our Filipino heritage."

The grand master of "Paskuhan" is Dez Bautista, heritage lover and conservationist from Bulacan. It will feature the *Panunuluyan* performed by a dance troupe from Bulacan, followed by a Christmas tree lighting ceremony. It's your chance to enjoy the Filipino lifestyle of yesteryears in the Christmas décor (the tree features a crèche at its base set in a *bahay na bato)* and chorales singing Filipino Christmas songs. Wreathes and garlands focused on Filipino fruits and flowers, traditional recipes and the restaurant staff wearing period costumes are all part of the design.

This was all very well, until we were invited to try the Christmas food festival menu last week that, as Chona Trinidad pointed out, was really fiesta-time food. (This did not work out well for that *baro't saya* I mentioned.) If you want to feel nostalgic drop by the Captain's Bar any time from Nov. 21 to Dec. 16. Five different menus will be rotated during the festival that include *sardines en escabeche* (sardines in spicy marinade), *galantinang manok* from a Tanchango heirloom family recipe, roast chicken with chorizo stuffing, *lengua con vino* from the Constantino family of Balagtas, *apahap pasingaw* (steamed sea bass) courtesy of the Santos family from Malolos, *pata negra* with prune sauce and chestnuts and *pato embuchado* (duck roulade), heirloom recipes of the Bautistas from Malolos, *pinais na alimasag* (stuffed crab broiled in banana leaf), lamb kaldereta (mutton stew with green olives), *paella Manileña* and all those recipes that are just too complicated to prepare. Gaita Fores has even contributed her own holiday recipe of sweet *longganisa* with grapes. There's a plethora of desserts that'll make you think you can go home again (at least for Christmas) like *turon na saba at langka, flan con meringue, pichi-pichi* and assorted yemas and pastilles.

Would you believe that after enjoying all those calories, it was off to the InterCon's Prince Albert the following day at the behest of Jenny Peña to expand both my knowledge of Lyonnaise cuisine and my waistline? Billed as "Cuisine des Traboules," general manager Christian Pirodon took over the kitchen for four days to return to his roots in Lyon. (It was interesting to discover that *traboules* refers to underground tunnels or passageways used by the Resistance in World War II to escape the Nazis and move undetected from house to house. But trust the French who promptly put up restaurants underground!)

Although the feast was limited to four days, M. Pirodon will repeat the performance in January for those who missed his signature dish, *Entrecote de l'Hirondelle* (steak a la Hirondelle—pan fried tenderloin with bacon, shallot and green capsicum), the *Eminces de Soles Citronette* (shredded sole simmered in foamy lemon butter), the grilled French sausages, the snails in Pernod and the fresh mussels. Let me warn you though that Lyonnaise cuisine eschews the use of oil and uses only unsalted butter. Forget about cholesterol after you try their killer dessert, *Les Fraises du Kilimanjaro,* a mountain of vanilla ice cream topped by cream and fresh strawberries flavored with cognac and cointreau. However, I've figured out what to do with the darn *baro't saya*: I'll ask Mang Ben to let the waistline out.

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FYI: Dr. Benito Legarda e-mailed us to say that *encomienda* means the right to collect taxes on property. He further clarified that "an encomienda was not permanent but had a limited duration, say, one, two or three lifetimes—all the more reason for concluding that it was not ownership." Of course—the crown wanted to get back the sources of revenue! Supposedly it was given to those who took part in the conquest, but there were *encomenderos* with names like Liwag and Macapagal (see Cushner's 1970s book on Spain in the Philippines). Encomiendas were also given to charitable institutions like San Juan de Dios Hospital. I remember seeing in the archives many years ago encomienda records for that hospital dating from as late as the 18th century.

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Something about firsts

YOUNG BLOOD

Andrea A. Fucoy

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

I LIKE ALL THINGS FIRST.

There's just something about one thing being first that makes it unforgettable. Unique. Special.

Not everyone remembers who their second love is, or where their fourth anniversary was, or how they spent their seventh birthday (guilty!), but recalling all the firsts we've had in our life comes so unbelievably easy. Take me, for instance, my first birthday? Pagadian, big party, big big cake, lots of balloons.

First yaya? Ate Shirley (thank God for the pictures hehehe).

First crush? Kindergarten, some cute skinny kid named Carlo.

First heartbreak? Fifth grade, some guy named Cyril, who turned out to be my second cousin (for crying out loud!).

First major sickness? Chicken pox, second grade.

First major award? Not counting all the best-in-blahs (since there's so many hahahaha!), but I actually won as A1 Kid in prep. (For those who don't know, being A1 Kid is super prestigious—it's the award for being the healthiest kid in the whole-friggin' school. I actually thanked my Mom for feeding me all the yummy stuff in the awarding ceremony. Sheesh!)

First big disappointment? Fourth year press conference.

First food that I swore never to eat again? *Dinuguan.*

First fruit I fell in love with? Banana—and we're still going strong if you really want to know.

First body part I found offensive? My nose.

First pet? A puppy named Mocha.

First husband? Anthony Bourdain.

First affair? John Heder.

Oh, but those last two items are still to come. Anth and Johnny have yet to know the best years of their lives, if you know what I mean.

Not all our firsts turn out to be great experiences. I can think of about a dozen firsts, when I wish I could have responded more maturely and acted like I was more in control of the situation. For example, I wish I knew back in fifth grade that heartbreaks don't last long, and that the heart will eventually heal and love again. I wish I knew that a single literary contest, no matter how disappointing the outcome, is in no way indicative of a lack of talent. No authority here on earth, no matter how many works he has published or how many Ph.D.'s he has earned, can truly judge my skill and talent. I wish I knew these things then, when they truly mattered, when I most needed the wisdom.

But then that's exactly what makes these firsts the unforgettable experiences that they are. The way things flopped, they way we flopped along with them, and, most importantly, the way we got back on our feet make for truly significant benchmarks in our life. It's true what they say about failure: it's not so much the falling off the horse that people remember, it's the incredible strength one demonstrates in getting up, dusting his ass off, and mounting that horse once again that counts. And in life, when you're out there in the real world, I guess that counts pretty big.

The good thing about firsts is that they prepare you for a mind-blowing second. So you flunked that last Statistics exam, now what do you do? You do everything possible within the limits of your human capabilities to ace that next one! Pull out all the stops! You become one insanely driven animal. And it works! Believe me, it does.

So I've been in one failed relationship. So what? Well, I've learned from it. And I'm back where I was in fifth grade, except that now I know. And I'm going to repeat it one more time: Heartbreaks don't last long, and the heart will eventually heal and love again. That's the truth.

This is why I also believe that firsts are the best teachers. There's no learning more effective than experience, and there's no experience more significant than that first.

Firsts make life exciting. They tell us that we're never too old for new experiences, that life will always, always have its surprises and that we're in for quite a ride.

We never run out of firsts! We still have to look forward to that first job, that first salary, that first major breakthrough, that first bungee jump, that first climb on the Himalayas and, who knows, that first, fresh bite of *dinuguan.*

I like all things first. That is reason enough to jump out of bed every morning, if you ask me.

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Halfway to insanity

Nestor Aldwin Tio

A FRIEND ONCE TOLD ME THEY HAD TO LEAVE THEIR cell phones before entering their office. Well, I have to leave my sanity before I enter my office and I'm not sure I get it back at the end of the day. If I had any sanity left, I would have already doused myself with gasoline and set myself on fire.

Sometimes things get so bad at the office I feel like my head is cracking open like a ripe melon. I ease the pain by drinking Red Bull. You can only imagine how much of this stuff I'm taking. Too much, I would say, because I get agitated when I see the color red and I can feel smoke coming out of my nose. Throw in a nose ring and some horns and you can already ship me off to Spain. Olé!

I thought I should mention bulls because my office is a regular three-ring circus. It's filled with odd and interesting characters who have no business being in the same room with each other. But by some cruel twist of fate, they are—for eight hours a day, six days a week. It's like putting insects in a glass jar so that they would beat each other to death.

Who are these colorful characters I'm talking about? For starters, there's this cantankerous, politically incorrect old geezer who's so narrow-minded that he simply puts down anybody who disagrees with him. He spews out swear words that would make any sailor blush and is so hygienically challenged he spits anywhere and everywhere.

Another person comes in three hours late and only stays for a few minutes, before taking a lunch break and then leaving for God knows where and doing God knows what.

Next is this person whose enormous love for food is only equaled by her enormous griping. She gripes when she's not eating, and when she's eating, she gripes about what she's going to eat after she finishes.

Also worth noting is this guy who brings his whole family to work, only to start arguing with his wife and son for the flimsiest of reasons. They often end up in an inane chase straight out of a Chaplin movie.

With people like these, who needs enemies? But given this situation, how can I keep my sanity? I don't want to be locked in a padded cell for the rest of my life with drool dripping on my chin. And I don't care if the nurses are pretty.

So, stop stalling and hand me that cigarette lighter. If you'll please excuse me, I'm going to have myself one hell of a barbecue.

Nestor Aldwin Tio, 29, is a logistics supervisor at Visayan Corn Mill.

Things look different from the throne?

HIS EMINENCE RICARDO CARDINAL VIDAL was quoted as having said that "it is not proper to use the Mass as a 'decoration' in political gatherings. There has to be great respect for the Mass. To make it an instrument (for political means *[sic]*) is not proper." (PDI, 10/29/05)

Everyone, I think, agrees with what the respected cardinal said. But that is not to say that the Masses celebrated in San Miguel Church on Oct. 24 and Oct. 27 were necessarily a decoration or an instrument for political ends. To say they were is, to say the least, kind of judgmental.

Indeed, who can discern the hearts of men but God? In fact, the Masses were solemn. True, there were civil society groups, representatives of other churches and people's organizations and, yes, politicians. But that didn't make the Masses any less solemn. On the contrary, the celebration became all the more so, precisely because of what bound all these groups together—namely, the quest for truth and justice. The Masses may have inevitable political implications and consequences but the quest is in essence, first and foremost, a moral issue.

Masses were also celebrated at the Edsa Shrine and other places prior to and during Edsa I and Edsa II. They were also attended by different sectors of society, including politicians. But I don't recall hearing any remark from the Church then (or those now in power) that Masses in political gatherings were inappropriate. It seemed to be OK then. I don't see why it should be improper now. For that matter, the same can be said of protest rallies and street demonstrations.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

The people who now declare them illegal and who insinuate all kinds of measures to control them are the very ones who have benefited from them in the past but somehow have conveniently forgotten now that they are in power.

—MSGR. ERNESTO P. CRUZ,
National Shrine of St. Michael and the Archangels,
San Miguel, Manila

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Thinking big is the way of heroic overseas Filipinos who invest here

AND I SAY "AMEN" TO THE LETTER TItled "The real OFW hero is also an investor in RP." (PDI, 11/9/05)

It is true that each and every Filipino has that great desire of uplifting their financial and economic status (for which reason, leaving country and family to work abroad has become very popular in the last four decades). But we should also always bear in mind the Filipino adage which reminds one and all that: *"Ang hindi marunong lumingon sa pinanggalingan ay hindi makararating sa paroroonan* (A person who does not know how to look back to where he comes from will not get to where he is going)."

Indeed, it will come to pass that we OFWs will go back to the Philippines. We cannot always reason out and say that we don't have a choice but to work overseas in order to provide for the needs of our families. Hard times in our native land? Yes, there will always be hard times and they're actually everywhere. But how do we respond to these hard times?

One time, I was sending my regular allotment for my family back home in one of the remittance centers in Hong Kong when the bank manager asked me as to what for was the money I was sending to the Philippines. I told him I was starting a small food business in my country, with two of my closest friends as business partners (one of them also an OFW for around 10 years in Hong Kong). The bank manager then asked me what motivated me to get into the food business during these hard times. I replied that "I want to create jobs for the Filipinos." The bank manager said, "I like that!"

I envision that one day the foreigners we are serving right now will be working for us, thereby making us real heroes. We will be declared heroes with our feet grounded on Philippine soil; we don't want to be called heroes when we're far away from home. We only need to make a little step to make a small start for something big. And we should think big.

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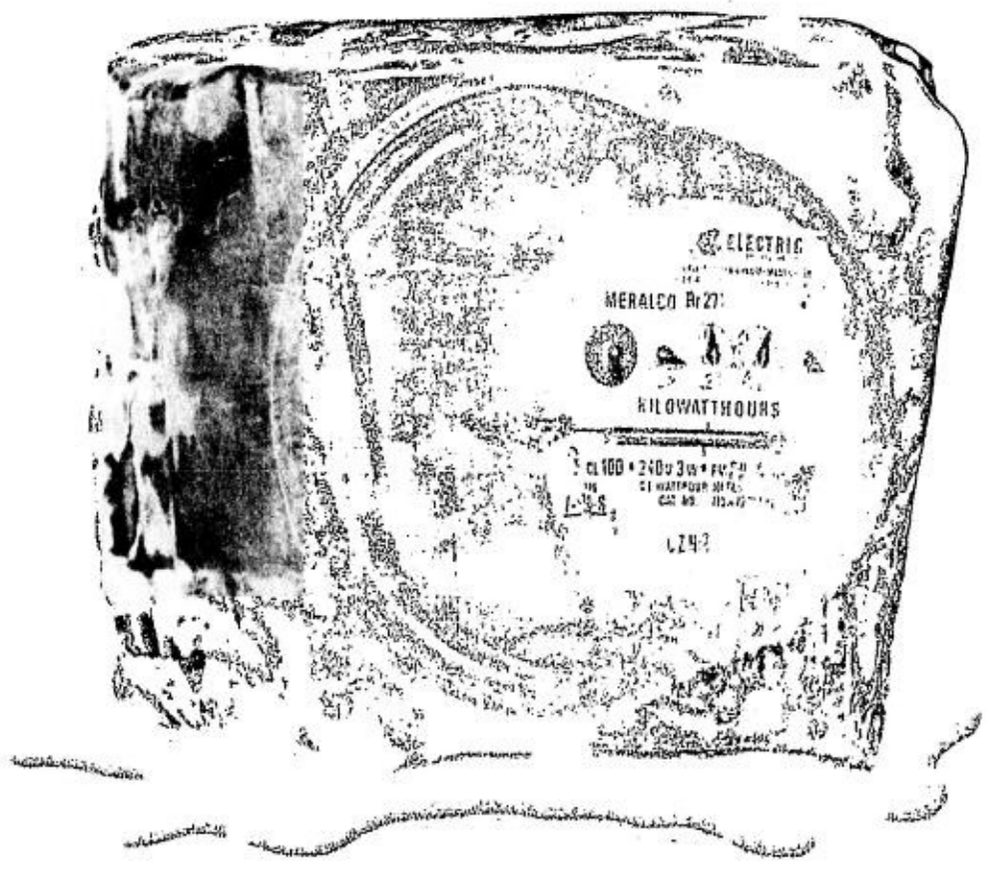

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Hacienda did not violate SDO terms

THE NEWS REPORT HEADLINED "AFTER Luisita, more tillers want stock deals canceled" (PDI, 10/11/05) gives the impression that not one of the farmer-beneficiaries (FBs) in the 218-hectare Hacienda Palma of the Arsenio Al. Acuña Agricultural Corp. is getting more than P500 in dividends, and so they will die of hunger.

The truth is that INQUIRER reporter Blanche Rivera, accompanied by the Negros provincial agrarian reform officer and the municipal agrarian reform officer of Ilog, where Hacienda Palma is situated were told in a meeting that the FBs had regular work at the hacienda and had no complaint about their work; that they were being paid the minimum wage on a weekly basis; that they were receiving all the benefits mandated by law (e.g, social amelioration, 13th-month pay, overtime pay for work in excess of eight hours a day, holiday pay, free housing) and additional benefits (emergency loans for hospitalization and schooling); and that they were being provided with electricity and water. Considering that the P500 is on top of all these benefits, how could the beneficiaries die of hunger?

Before our SDO was approved by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC), the Department of Agrarian Reform conducted a referendum where the farmworkers were made to select between land distribution and SDO. They unanimously voted for SDO after the pros and cons of the two schemes were explained to them. The voting was done by secret ballot.

It is true that ever since our SDO was approved, the FBs have not been given a bigger dividend than P500 each. This is because the hacienda has been losing money. Hacienda Palma, aside from paying for the statutory and additional benefits, has to grapple with the continuously spiraling costs of production with hardly any subsidy from the government. Everybody must also understand that the Philippine sugar industry is in depression.

Rivera described Negros as the home of the country's sugar barons, not realizing perhaps that the days of the sugar barons of Negros are no more than a memory. The remaining landowners of Negros are struggling very hard to keep their cherished lands so that they can provide their farmworkers with decent employment, happy in the thought that they are advancing social justice.

We see to it that all the conditions of our SDO are complied with. One of the conditions of our SDO is that the landowner shall pay the P500 dividend whether or not the hacienda makes money. This, Hacienda Palma has faithfully done even though it has not made any profits over the years, a fact which can be attested to by all the office workers of the hacienda who are all members of the SDO as FBs.

The SDO is an agreement between the landowner and the beneficiaries. Therefore, it cannot be canceled for as long as the landowner complies with all its terms and conditions.

—ARSENIO AL. ACUÑA,
president,
Arsenio Al. Acuña Agricultural Corp.

As Mr. Acuña himself acknowledged, I did the interview with the farmers in Hacienda Palma. He was not there so I don't know what his basis was for saying that the FBs said they "had no complaint about their work." The FBs, led by their union president, aired their grievances and asked the DAR officers how they could have their SDO canceled. The details in my story can be easily verified with the agrarian reform officers who accompanied me.

—BLANCHE RIVERA,
PDI reporter

Gravest act of treason

AS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER TO THE President, Norberto Gonzales committed the gravest act of treason when he entered into a contract with a US lobby firm to sell the writing of the Philippine constitution to foreign financiers.

While treason may refer strictly to military affairs, the effort to sell the writing of a new Philippine constitution is an even worse act of treason because it could mean surrendering the nation's economic resources, including land, air and sea, to foreigners without their firing a shot.

That would convert Filipinos to being aliens in their own land, and condemn them— whether they live in their homeland or abroad—to being wage slaves or vassals of foreigners.

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Killing of Bayan Muna men continues

SORSOGON CITY—ANOTHER LEADER OF THE party-list group Bayan Muna was shot dead, this time in Sorsogon shortly before noon yesterday.

Killed by a lone gunman was Ricardo Uy, 49, known to many as Ding Uy, who also the concurrent city chair of the militant party-list organization.

Agnes Uy, wife of the victim, said her husband was shot while tending to their rice mill in Barangay Basud, just in front of their residence past 10 in the morning.

Agnes, quoting one of their helpers, said the gunman went straight to her husband and fired at least five successive shots, which all found their marks.

The victim was rushed to the Sorsogon Doctor's Hospital where he died while being given emergency medical attention.

Uy suffered two gunshot wounds in the chest, one in the stomach, one near the right armpit and one in the chin.

Uy was the 67th member of Bayan Muna killed since April 2001 and the 22nd killed this year.

"Pamphlets identified him as a communist and Bayan as a communist front. A vilification campaign by the military against him has been ongoing," said Roberto de Castro, Bayan deputy secretary general.

Chief Supt. Formoso Argarin, Sorsogon police chief, said a .45 cal. pistol was used in the killing.

Uy was a member of the recently activated December 10 Committee, which would spearhead various activities for the commemoration of the 57th anniversary of the UN Declaration of International Human Rights Day on Dec. 10.

The December 10 Committee held a peace rally which culminated in the release of 20 white balloons which represented human rights advocates killed in the province.

Uy, also head of the Sorsogon Independent Media Reporters Inc., was very vocal against abuses committed by the military in the province.

Agnes said her husband knew his life was in danger.

"I just wish that when my time comes, they would take me out alone and spare others from getting hurt," Agnes quoted her husband as telling her.

Uy's mother, Soledad, said the killing of her son failed to scare the family and said she was challenging those behind Uy's killing to try to also get the other members of the family.

"We will all be around during Ding's wake. And if his life was not yet enough, then they could take ours too," she said.

The military refused to comment on the killing. *Luigi del Puerto in Manila and Bobby Labalan, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Transparent selection of next justice of SC urged

CEBU CITY—CIVIL SOCIETY groups and law practitioners are working together to push for citizen participation and transparency in the selection of Supreme Court justices in the wake of the scheduled retirement of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. next month.

The Transparency and Accountability Network (TAN), a network of 24 civil society groups, is part of a consortium, which is involved in Supreme Court Appointments Watch (SCAW).

The SCAW, a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and The Asia Foundation, seeks to enhance venues for meaningful citizen's participation in the selection and appointment of justices.

Aside from TAN, the other members are the Alternative Law Groups, Lawyer's League for Liberty, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Philippine Association of Law Schools, and the Association of Law Students in the Philippines.

Lawyer Marlon Manuel, chair of the Alternative Law Groups, told reporters on Wednesday that they have been conducting talks in the provinces to urge the public to be more vigilant and to participate in the selection process in the Judicial and Bar Council.

He said they were also moving around the country to generate inputs from the public especially in finding ways to improve the selection process.

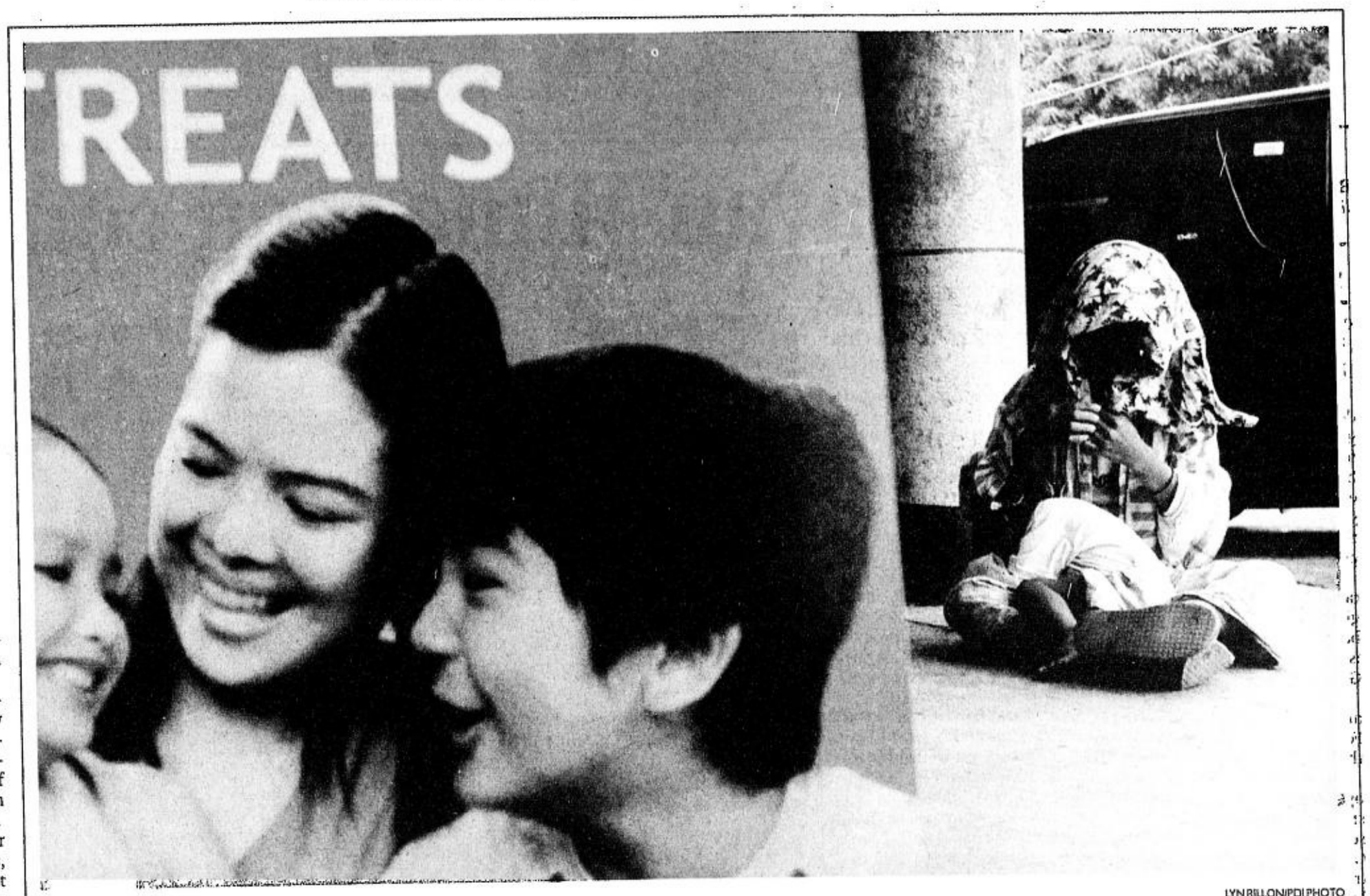
"We would go to the Supreme Court and submit proposed revisions to the JBC rules for the application of the subsequent appointments," he said.

"We believe there is a need to change and do some revisions of the rule such as the amendment in the rule governing the notice of requirement as well as allowing media to cover the conduct of public interviews of the applicants," he added.

Manuel said this was the first time civic organizations and law groups converged in the hope of drawing citizens' participation and sustaining efforts to push for the transparent and credible appointment process of Supreme Court justices.

"This is the first time we are doing this. We have seen erosion of public confidence and we see the need to guard the process," Manuel added.

Jolene Bulambot, Visayas Bureau



FACELESS
A beggar covers her head as she awaits alms on Sinsuat Street in Cotabato City near a sign for a bakery advertising a happy mother and children.

LYN RILLON/PDI PHOTO

Gov't told VAT hurting mining firms

BAGUIO CITY—THE EXPANDED value added tax (VAT) on power and fuel is hurting mining firms that export mineral products, officials of the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) said here on Wednesday.

Annie Dy, PMSEA secretary, said the Marble Association of the Philippines is the first mining organization to discuss the impact of VAT on all exporters.

Exporters are exempted from direct taxes, but they must address the increasing cost of power that their operations consume daily because of VAT, said Dy, who is also president of Teresa Marble Corp., a medium-scale mining firm.

Starting December this year, all power generating and distributing companies will add an additional 10 percent charge on all power consumption to offset the VAT on power. The reformed VAT law took effect on Nov. 1.

Dy said her firm alone consumes P2 million worth of power monthly.

Mining groups are linking up with the Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc. (Philexport) to mount a lobby for tax policies that will not hurt the revitalizing mining industry, she told reporters during the launch of the 52nd Mine Safety and Environment Conference here on Wednesday.

Large mining companies have yet to discuss the impact of VAT, Dy said.

But the VAT should not hurt the industry's chances to draw investor interest now that the biggest legal obstacle has been overturned, she said.

Dy was referring to the Supreme Court ruling that reversed its decision about the unconstitutionality of the 1995 Philippine Mining Act.

Challenged

Civil rights groups and constitutionalists challenged the law's provision that allowed foreign investors full equity over its mining projects here, which the court originally criticized for violating national patrimony.

The Philippine Chamber of Mines cited the legal issue to explain the low investor interest in valuable mine projects.

But the High Court ruled that the 1987 Constitution was flexible enough to accommodate full foreign ownership of local assets that are components of nationally strategic industries like mining.

Dy said large scale investors will need six years to explore mineral lands, which should be enough time for the government to adjust its tax policies on power and fuel.

"The only ones affected [so far by the VAT] on a short term are mine firms like us ... Give government a year or so to fine tune [the VAT] ... I kind of doubt that [VAT will harm the industry] on a long term [if government acts]," she said.

The government has assured exporters that they could reimburse their VAT expenses, Dy said, based on preliminary discussions with the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

"But it will take too long," she said.

Government may also have to address domestic mineral trading concerns to consolidate the production of small scale mining.

Despite more than 10 years of wooing small scale miners to trade directly with government, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has been able to transact with only 8 percent of the combined $2 billion output of the formal and informal small scale mining sector, said Neoman de la Cruz, Mines and Geosciences Bureau Cordillera director. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

OIL WATCH
A security man, in plainclothes, watches over a field tractor being filled with gasoline at a gas station in Carmen, North Cotabato. Personnel of the gas station said it was common for security personnel to be issued high powered firearms in the town.

LYN RILLON/PDI PHOTO

ADB starts ₱12M antipollution project in Puerto

A UNIQUE PROJECT BACKED BY the Asian Development Bank with a P12 million grant was launched in Puerto Princesa yesterday.

Its main objective is to provide alternative means of livelihood to tricycle operators and drivers in a bid to reduce air and noise pollution in the city as it phases out the use of tricycles as a main mode of transportation.

In a statement, the ADB said the grant was extended through the Poverty and Environment Program and will test a number of strategies focused on alternative means of livelihood for the tricycle drivers and operators.

The statement quoted Mayor Edward Hagedorn as saying the ADB program is timely because of the serious environmental and socio-economic problems that continued tricycle operation in the city may create.

"This project will effectively prevent the city from experiencing the air and noise pollution problems that Bangkok and other cities in Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia have encountered on the proliferation and uncontrolled use of tricycles and two-wheel vehicles," the statement quoted Hagedorn as saying.

The project, said the mayor, will adopt an approach that would draw the participation of tricycle drivers and operators on developing other means of livelihood and establish a fund for tricycle operators and drivers to improve the maintenance of their motor engines.

Hagedorn said noise pollution in the city has reached alarming levels at 90 to 97 decibels.

Court nullifies Quezon mayor's election

LUCENA CITY—CONTROVERSIAL General Nakar town Mayor Hernando Avellaneda Sr. lost his seat to his political opponent in the 2004 elections based on a court decision, which gave merit to the ballot boxes spared by floodwaters caused by four typhoons that struck the place last year.

In his Nov. 14 decision, Judge Virgilio Alpajora declared Avellaneda's election on May 13, 2004 as null and void and declared former mayor Leovigildo Ruzol as the duly elected municipal mayor.

Alpajora ordered Avellaneda "to immediately vacate the position" and "turn over the office of the municipal mayor to Ruzol peacefully and orderly."

Avellaneda called the decision a "product of gross injustice to the collective decision of my constituents."

"I will fight this court order up to my last breath," Avellaneda said in a mobile phone interview.

Insp. Jesson Bombase, General Nakar police chief, said at least 50 placard-bearing supporters of Avellaneda have been holding a vigil in front of the town hall since Thursday.

The mayor earned the moniker "Mayor Gapos" for his unconventional way of treating suspected criminals in his town. His life was also made into a movie with his popular tag as the title.

GENERAL NAKAR town Mayor Hernando Avellaneda Sr. with his supporters.

DELFIN MALLARI JR./PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Avellaneda criticized the court decision, which based its ruling on only 14 precincts and disregarded the number of votes from the other 64 precincts.

Only 14 of the 64 contested ballot boxes actually passed the scrutiny of the revision committee assigned by the Regional Trial Court of Infanta.

The court said that upon inspection conducted in the presence of both parties and revisors, the rest of the unrevised ballots were soaked in floodwaters for more than a month making further revision impossible.

Based on certification made by the municipal board of canvassers after the 2004 elections, Avellaneda received 5,347 votes while his opponent Leovigildo Ruzol got 5,002 votes with a margin of 345 votes. *Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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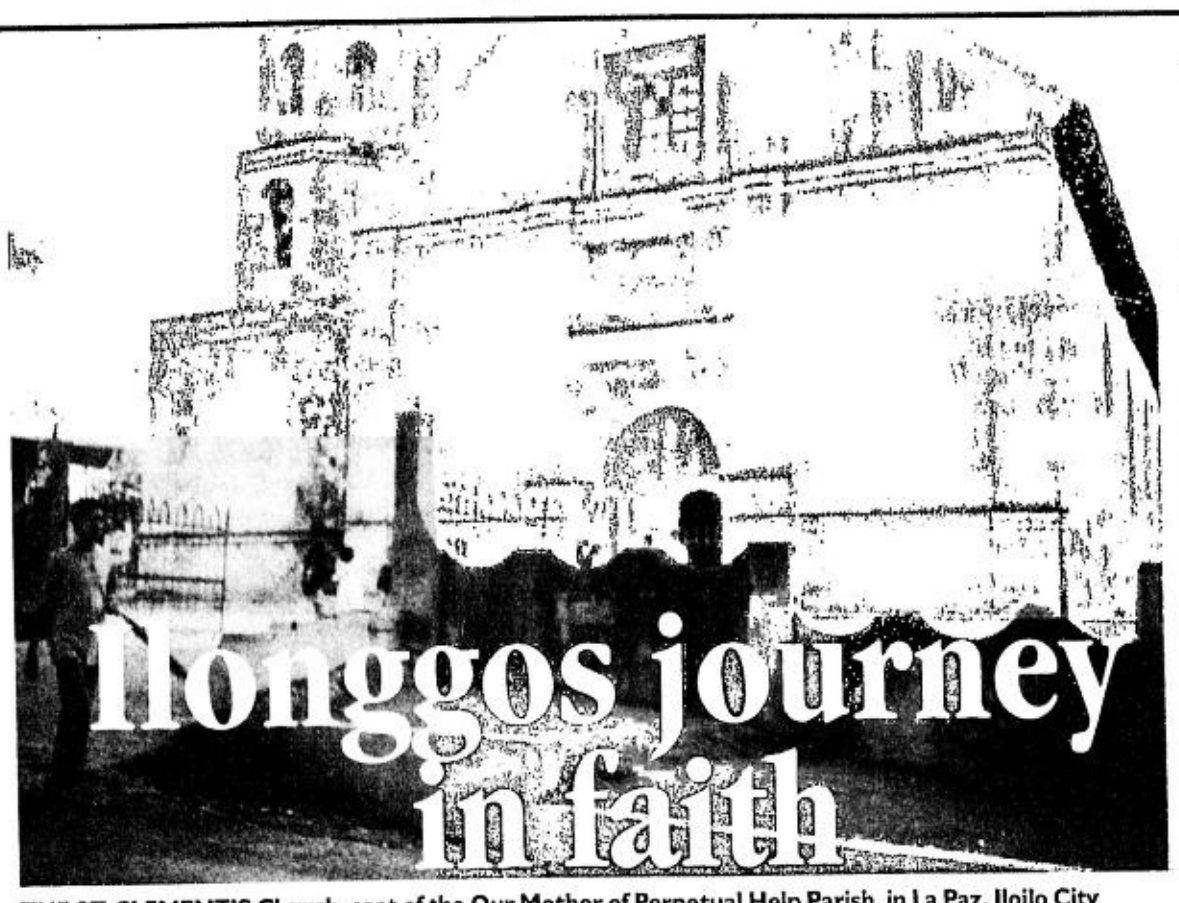
Ilonggos journey in faith



THE ST. CLEMENT'S Church, seat of the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, in La Paz, Iloilo City presently undergoing renovation. RAJ PADILLA

By Raj Padilla
Iloilo City

ILOILO IS NOT ONLY known for its people's warmth and fine dishes. Above and beyond these trademarks is the Ilonggos' deep piety.

A verdant hub for the Marian devotion is how some quarters regard Iloilo now. Having a unique fondness for her, the Ilonggos have made it a tradition to mark every feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her countless titles, with a fitting tribute and pomp.

Long lines of Catholic faithful tag along her image in every religious procession and a big number pack the church where Mary is venerated as the Mother of God.

For that reason, in Iloilo, Marian Day is not only Sept. 8, the Feast of Mary's Nativity, but all through the year.

On how the Ilonggos developed their strong faith and passionate love for Mary, three essentials explain it: First, the first Carmelite settlement in the country, the Jaro Carmel, was established in Iloilo.

Second, the patroness of Western Visayas, Our Lady of Candles, is in Iloilo, enshrined at the Jaro Cathedral.

And, third, it was in Iloilo where the maiden novena to Mary, under her title "Our Mother of Perpetual Help," was held.

While it was the Carmelite nuns who brought to Iloilo the devotion to the Brown Scapular and to Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, it was the Redemptorist Fathers who initiated what is now nationally known as the novena to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help—in compliance with Pope Pius IX's instruction to the Redemptorist Congregation in 1865, to "make Mary known throughout the world."

According to Fr. Frank Tobin, parish priest of the Redemptorist-run Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in La Paz District, it was in Iloilo and not in Baclaran (Parañaque City), where the novena started in the country. Today, Baclaran houses the Our Mother of Perpetual Help National Shrine.

God's Army

Strangely enough, Tobin said it was not a group of religious men who introduced the devotion to the Ilonggos but the American soldiers during World War II. Many of them hailed from Boston, Massachusetts where the novena was a tradition among Catholics, he said.

Tobin, 67, a native of Ireland, traced the beginnings of the novena in the Philippines to the time of the late Fr. Patrick Nulty, a fellow Redemptorist.

In a document published in the Golden Jubilee Magazine of the Redemptorists in Iloilo in 1978, Nulty recounted how the American soldiers hungered for the novena shortly after the close of World War II.

"Many of them were in the habit of attending the novena in Boston. Now, they felt a great longing to have this same devotion here. It was an appeal we could not refuse. Although we knew almost nothing about it (the novena), relying on the power of Mary and the deep love of these good and sincere soldiers, we decided to start on 13th May 1946, on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima," said Nulty.

As the number of people attending the novena grew because of answered prayers, Ilonggos in Manila asked that this be copied there, he said.

"Thus began the marvelous growth of the Manila novena. People attended the Baclaran novena from all over the Philippines. So today Baclaran has become the greatest novena in the world."

In her own account, published in the same magazine, Domiciana Asico of the Oblate of the Redemptorist Congregation said Nulty started the novena in thanksgiving.

She said that during World War II, a bomb fell beside the St. Clement's monastery, but providentially, only a window was slightly damaged.

Nulty must have also been moved by the faithful's answered petitions, she said.

"Father Nulty always read some letters of thanksgiving at each session. People came to see that many of their prayers were being answered and they encouraged others to attend the novena. The rector of Baclaran came to visit St. Clement's and he was so impressed with the novena that he later started it in Baclaran," Asico told Fr. Tom Groarke, the magazine's editor, in an interview.

Because many people had heard of the graces, Asico said Nulty was all the more inspired to go on with the novena and even doubled its schedule.

"At first, the novena was held on Mondays at 6 p.m. The attendance was quite small at the start but gradually the crowd increased and, in less than a year, a second session was begun at 5 p.m.," she narrated.

Today, novena masses are held every Wednesday, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Woman skirts poverty and blindness

By Rolando O. Borrinaga
Palo, Leyte

RUVI-ANN ROLLY BORRINAGA

SHE FINISHED HER studies near the top of her class. But poverty, temporary blindness and domestic health problems prevented her from taking the licensure examination by three years. When she finally took it, she was No. 2 nationwide.

Ruvi-Ann D. Tan, 23, of Talacogon, Agusan del Sur, completed her midwifery studies in 2002 at the School of Health Sciences (SHS), the farthest unit of the University of the Philippines Manila, in Palo, Leyte.

She was qualified to take the midwife licensure exams that year. But her parents and two brothers did not have money for her to review and take the exams.

Instead, she extended her six-month "service leave," a requirement of SHS for its graduates to render volunteer health service in their home barangays after every level of the stepladder curriculum.

Tan had been serving her barangay for nearly two years when she turned blind in the right eye. She had not been told about its technical name or cause, but she had experienced temporary blindness alternately in both eyes four times since high school.

Housemaid

She regained her eyesight three months after her latest brush with blindness, but a blur in her right eye remains.

After her recovery, Tan went to Davao City and found work as a salesgirl in a trading store. Her Chinese family name was soon noticed and this drew her close to the family of her Filipino-Chinese employer. She then became their trusted house help. Her duties included bringing her employer's children to and fetching them from school.

Tan could have taken the licensure exam last year with the money she had saved from her low-paying job. But she had to spend her meager savings for the goiter treatment of her mother, Victoria, 43, a barangay health worker.

At about the same time, her father, Rodulfo, 46, was struck by cholera and was forced to quit a job as a construction worker in Cebu City and come home.

This year, with sufficient savings and her family crisis behind her, Tan left her job in Davao and reviewed for the national midwifery exams held Nov. 8-9, which she took in Tacloban.

Making it

Tan passed the exams with a grade of 89.95 percent, putting her second among 2,229 examinees nationwide. Only 1,145 passed, a national passing rate of 51.4 percent.

Aside from Tan, three other SHS graduates landed in the top 10. Rea Mae Castro from Gandara, Samar, was 4th with a grade of 88 percent; Melchor Patal-e Jr. of Bauko, Mt. Province was 7th with 87.15 percent; and Jessica Rose Buduhan of Barlig, Mt. Province, was 10th with 86.80 percent.

Forty-three out of 45 examinees from SHS made it, for a passing rate of 95.6 percent.

Tan said she hoped to pursue the nursing course, the next level of the SHS curriculum, after her accomplishment.

She said her training at the SHS helped her "keep the flame of patriotism burning."

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Magsaysay: What endorsement?

By TJ Burgonio

SEN. RAMON MAGSAYSAY JR. last night denied endorsing an NGO to be a recipient of P4 million of his own pork barrel allocation.

Magsaysay said he was surprised to learn last week that agriculture department personnel had approached his chief of staff, Angelo Buenviaje Jr., to prepare an endorsement letter for a development project in Bohol.

"I never knew anything about it," he told the INQUIRER. "That was an offer made to my office, which I did not know anything of."

On learning later that the NGO-recipient was not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the senator said that he immediately instructed Buenviaje to "correct" it.

He said he was not aware if any fund had been released for the project.

Solon turns tables on Sen. Magsaysay

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his own pork barrel allocation had been reported in media to be unregistered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or spurious.

Libanan, vice chair of the House committee on justice, identified the NGO as the People's Organization for Progress and Development Foundation Inc. (POPDFI).

It was able to receive a P2-million project from the Department of Agriculture on the strength of Magsaysay's endorsement, said Libanan.

Pork barrel funds

Libanan showed media documents supposedly proving that Magsaysay, through his own chief of staff, requested the National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) last February to extend immediate assistance to the POPDFI for "a P4-million NAFC project intended for various agricultural endeavors and the development of the municipalities of Candijay and Alburquerque in Bohol."

The funds were to come from the senator's pork barrel for 2005.

A mistake

"Senator Magsaysay should explain how this happened. Probably it was an honest mistake, but nevertheless we call on the Senate to be fair in conducting probes on matters which, after all, are already being investigated by the authorities," Libanan said.

Libanan also produced another letter sent to Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban last Nov. 15 in which Magsaysay "owned up to his mistake and withdrew his (endorsement) for POPDFI."

By then, it was "too late" as the DA had already approved a P2-million project for the NGO, Libanan added.

Blackened reputations

A check with the NAFC showed that only P300,000 of the funds had been released to the NGO as mobilization fee. The NAFC, however, was awaiting the accomplishment reports for the projects before releasing further payments to PODFI, said Libanan.

"I would like to remind the good senator that he should give his fellow solons the benefit of the doubt and not let the proceedings of his committee hearings degenerate into a trial by publicity of innocent public officials," the congressman said.

"Reputations are being besmirched here, and more importantly, they are already treading on matters subject to the investigation of proper authorities like the Ombudsman."

Libanan said he was "vehemently" denying that irregularities marked the purchase of farm inputs for his district.

He said Salas was being used by his political enemies in Samar to besmirch his name.

Fertilizer overpriced?

He also corrected Salas' claim that P6.5 million from the DA's Ginintuang Masaganang Ani program had been released for the province.

Libanan said the fertilizer distributed in his district was bought at P1,600 per kilo.

Told that there was an overprice because the prevailing price of ordinary fertilizer, such as urea, was only P850 per sack (50 kilos), Libanan said he had no role in the purchase of the fertilizers.

"I don't know that," said Libanan, explaining that the project did not pass through him because DA officials coordinated directly with provincial government officials.

He said DA officials should be made answerable because they had identified Eastern Samar as the beneficiary.

Libanan also explained that the fertilizer had not been bought using his pork barrel, thus he had no business being involved in the transaction.

"The Audit Report of the COA relative to the procurement process conducted of the said farm inputs indicate that everything was in accordance with the existing government auditing law, rules and procedures," said Libanan.

Leave it to Ombudsman

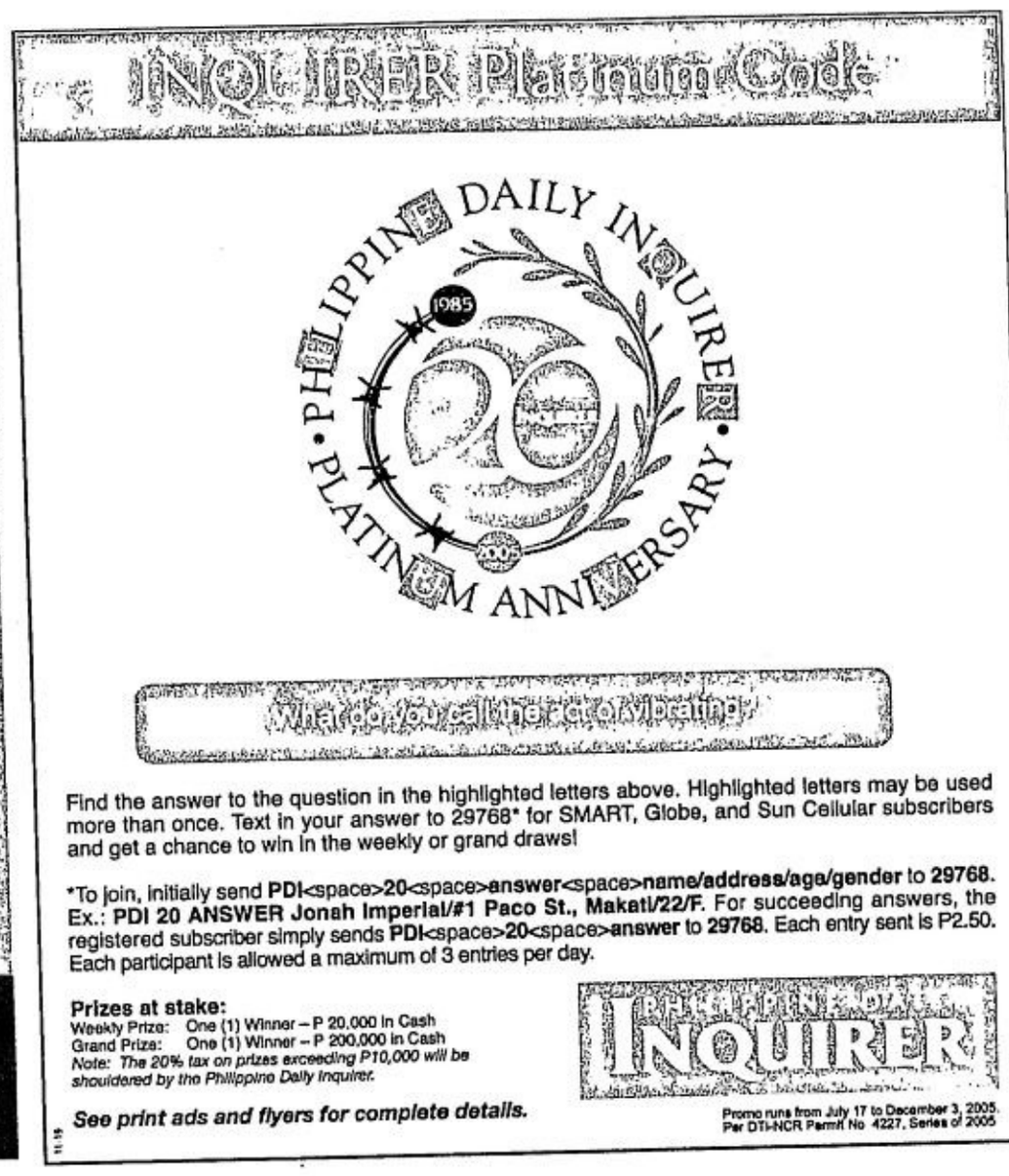
House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles and Lanao del Sur Rep. Benasing Macarambon, chair of the House committee on agriculture and food, asked the Senate to allow the Ombudsman to take over the investigation "to ease suspicions of whitewash."

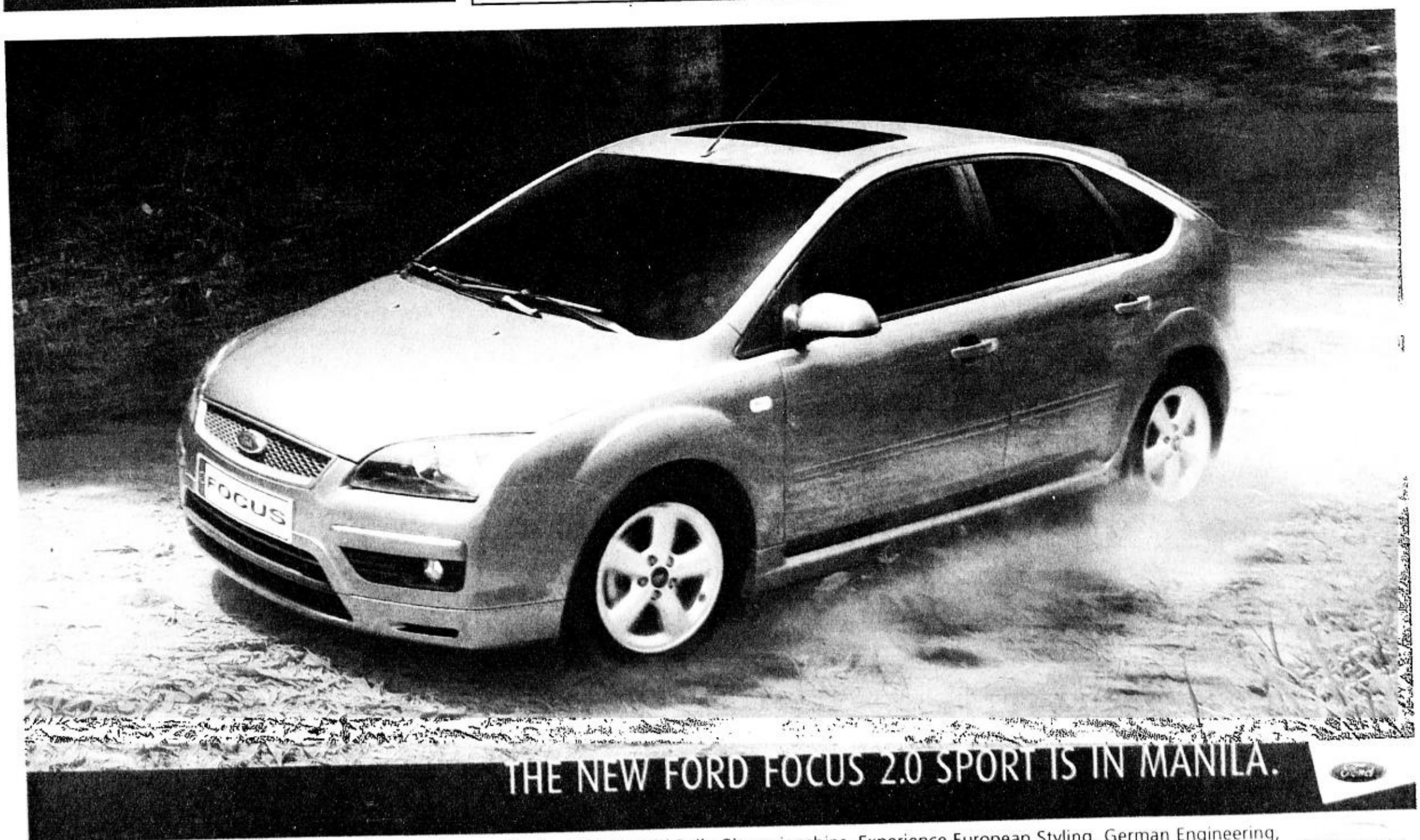
Opposition Rep. Rolex Suplico of Iloilo said the Arroyo administration, including its allies in the House, should "start cleaning the dirt and the stench left by the fertilizer scam."

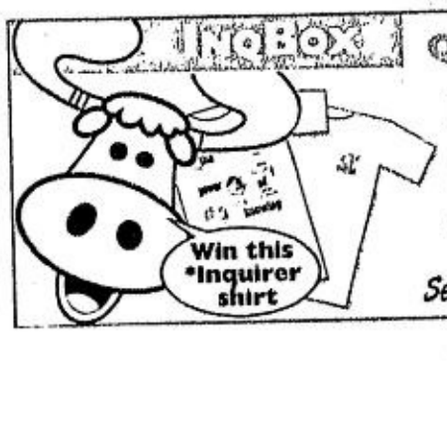
"I ask my colleagues who are recipients of farm inputs and fertilizers to voluntarily submit themselves [to] investigation by the COA or any investigating body in order to account for the monies they have received from this fund."

"Nobody, not even a congressman, is above the law," said Suplico.

Speaker Jose de Venecia said congressmen had no role in the bidding, pricing and procurement of fertilizers.







Question of the Week

Do you support DENR's decision to allow Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's logging firm to renew operations in Samar?

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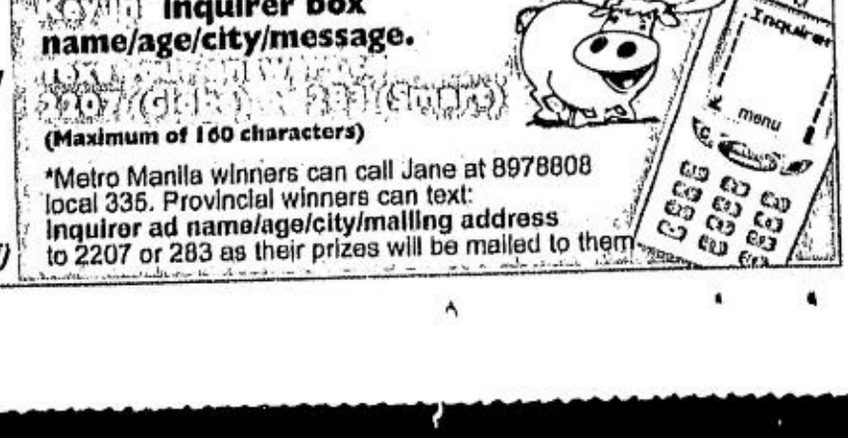

Carjack suspects were still ...

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video. Maybe we will have their reply late today or tomorrow," Marasigan said.

Yesterday, the IAS panel began deliberating about how to proceed with the inquiry.

Marasigan disclosed that the team had decided to view the video first and then later summon witnesses and the 10 officers involved in the operation.

As this developed, police are puzzled how a pair of license plates ended up inside the maroon Nissan Exalta used by the three suspected carjackers.

Police said the license plates with number XET 355 should not have been accessible to anyone.

More than a week after the alleged shootout, the Pasig City Police discovered that the license plate was an old plate of a government vehicle of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

Replaced by a government plate, the seized license plate should have been kept by the Land Transportation Office.

In a police report shown to the INQUIRER, the city police said the seized plate, which was confirmed authentic, belonged to a Mitsubishi Aluminum Wing Van of the MMDA.

But the plate had long been replaced by a new red plate, a supply officer of the MMDA told the city police.

How the plate found its way to the car of the killed suspects still puzzles investigators.

Police recover stolen car of TV host

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE POLICE RECOVERED ON Thursday night the stolen Nissan Patrol of TV host Raelene Elaine "Iya" Villania during a buy-bust operation in Quezon City.

Supt. Eduardo Bayangos, head of the Special Operations Group of the Philippine National Police-Traffic Management Group, said the police also arrested two men and seized another car, a BMW, with spurious registration documents.

The papers of three other cars, two Mercedes Benz and a BMW, found inside the Vista Real Subdivision in Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City, during the buy-bust operation were also being checked, the police said.

Villania's black Nissan Patrol was taken at gunpoint from her driver by two motorcycle-riding men on Nov. 6 on Sgt. Esguerra St. near the ABS-CBN studios. Villania is one of the host of the ABS-CBN noontime show "Wowoweee!."

The recovery of the vehicles raised the possibility that carjacking groups might have contacts within the Land Transportation Office.

Police identified those arrested as Patrick Dominic Tuzon and Maurice Valenton. The two had brought LTO registration papers for the Nissan Patrol and the BMW which appeared to be "semi-original" or seemed authentic, according to Bayangos.

When the police verified the motor numbers, chassis numbers, and plate numbers as stated in the supposed registration papers, they checked out in the LTO's computers.

The police, however, were certain that the Nissan Patrol was Villania's. It still has its original Tin Plate Number (the aluminum plate inside the hood), although the car already bore a different Plate No. XTS-481. (Villania's was XPP-232).

The police were still checking the BMW's papers as of press time.

Tuzon, police said, pointed to a certain Jayjay de los Santos, whom he alleged as the son of the owner of the De los Santos Medical Center in Quezon City, as the person who allegedly asked him to sell the vehicles.

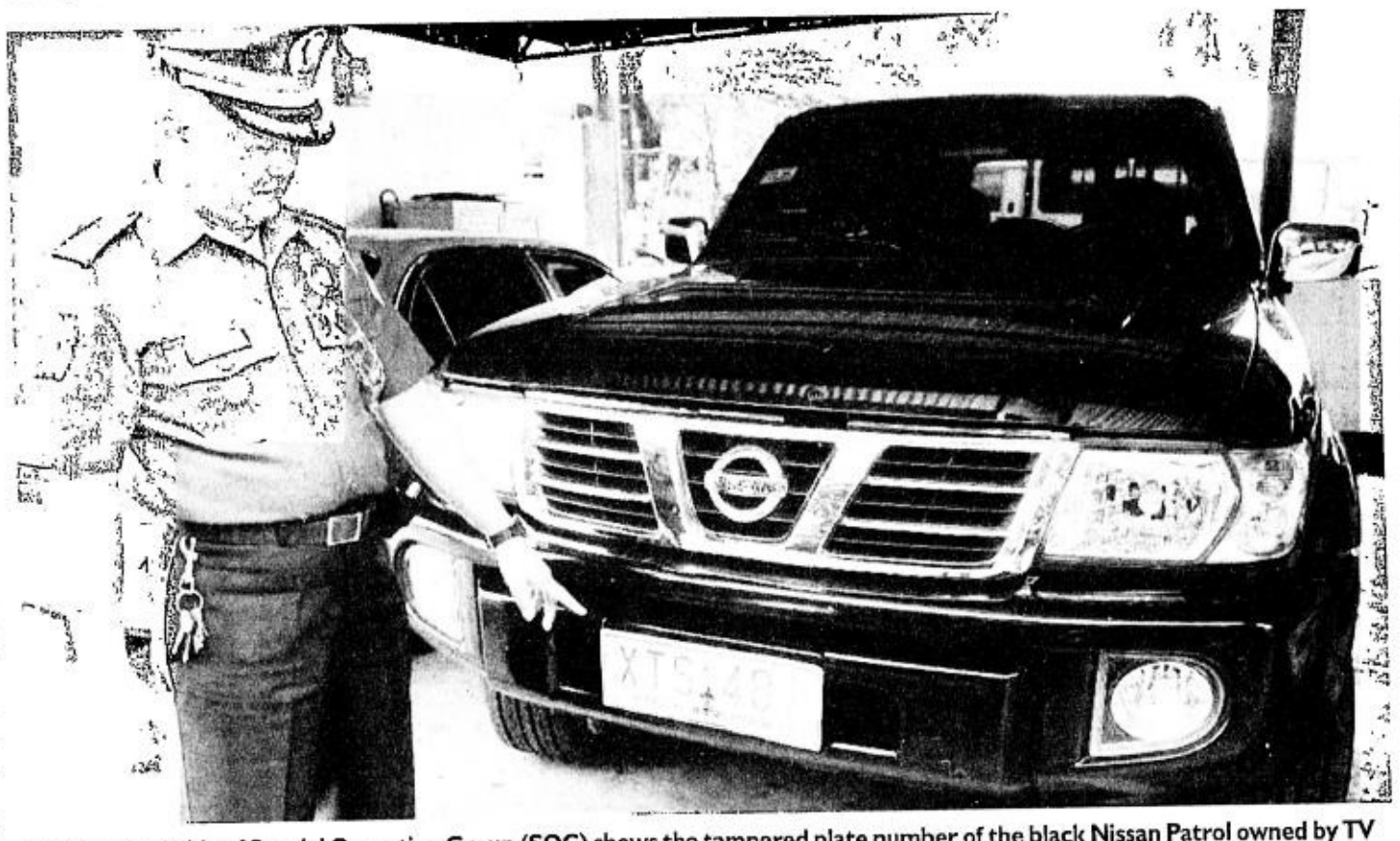
Police are baffled how the stolen Nissan Patrol ended up having registration papers that checked out in the LTO's computers.

Lomibao said the police would investigate any link between people in the LTO and carjacking groups. "We will include them in the investigation, whoever they are, whichever agency they are," he said.

Last week, the police received information that a Nissan Patrol was being sold for P850,000.

"It was too cheap, we got suspicious. A Nissan Patrol costs at least P2 million," Bayangos said.

On Wednesday, the police and the sellers agreed to meet in a restaurant along Tomas Morato Ave. before proceeding to Vista Real where the stolen vehicle was recovered.



SUPT. Larry Subia of Special Operation Group (SOG) shows the tampered plate number of the black Nissan Patrol owned by TV host Iya Villania in Camp Crame. JOAN BONDOC

METROBRIEFS

Dolphy's son dies

DOLPHY' son, Freddie Quizon, died from brain hemorrhage last Friday at 6:10 a.m. He was 49. Freddie, a one-time movie actor, had slipped and fallen on the bathroom floor three days earlier, his wife Nelda said. "We thought he was all right after the fall," Nelda said. "He didn't complain about anything. But he began to cough up blood and started losing his sight. We rushed him to the hospital at about 2 a.m. Friday." Nelda said that Dolphy arrived at the Sta. Teresita Hospital in Quezon City about 20 minutes after Freddie died. "He cried and cried. This is the first time that he lost a child." Freddie is Dolphy's son by Gracita Dominguez. He has three children by Nelda, his wife of 25 years—Ruel, Nico and John. Freddie lies in state at the Mount Carmel Church in Quezon City. His remains will be cremated on Tuesday. Interment will be at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina. *Nini Valera*

Mall caught in tug-of-war

"IN THE SPIRIT of Christmas," Pasig City Mayor Vicente Eusebio has allowed the Cainta municipal government to collect taxes from stall owners in the contested Sta. Lucia Grand Mall in the meantime. "His (Eusebio's) statement will definitely ease tension, especially this Christmas," Cainta, Rizal Mayor Mon Ilagan said in a phone interview. But he said Cainta would exhaust all legal means to maintain their claim. Eusebio had insisted that his city had the right to collect taxes. The Supreme Court Third Division had dismissed with finality an earlier motion for reconsideration Cainta had filed. But Cainta again filed another motion for reconsideration to revive its claim on the property. Pasig City won a tax collection case against Sta. Lucia filed earlier in a regional trial court. The Court of Appeals later rejected the motion for reconsideration Cainta had filed. Cainta appealed the case to the Supreme Court, which denied its petition for review. But another appeal filed by owners of Sta. Lucia Mall, who wanted to stay with Cainta, is still pending before the Second Division of the Supreme Court. Cainta stands to lose P40 million in annual taxes should the mall finally be declared to be within Pasig City. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

Fire destroys NVM Gonzalez literary works, but not his legacy

By DJ Yap

THE LATE NATIONAL ARTIST NVM GONZALEZ once told his family never to just give away his treasure trove of books, literary collections and works as essayist, fictionist, teacher and poet.

Yesterday, all but the memory of his life's work and legacy remained after a 30-minute blaze gutted down the Gonzalez family home inside the University of the Philippines compound in Diliman, Quezon City.

A whole library containing Gonzalez' works spanning a 65-year career was reduced to ashes after a fire of still unknown origin razed the Gonzalez' home on Mabini Street, Area 1.

Certificates, medals and the entries to the annual NVM Gonzalez Award, a prize handed to the best short story in English of the year, also went up in smoke, family members said.

Little else was left of the 52-year-old bungalow-type house, with only its foundations and some furniture intact.

The fire began shortly after 9:15 a.m. and was put out only 30 minutes later, said Gonzalez' daughter Selma Gonzalez-Cortes, a professor at the UP Integrated School.

"It was very quick," she said. Her 87-year-old mother Narita and their two maids were able to get out of the house before the fire spread, she added.

A calm Cortes said the family had planned to turn a portion of the house into a library or a museum. They wanted to keep the literary collections in the house so their mother could remain close to her husband's memory, she said.

But now, "everything's gone," she said.

Child-protection laws ignored in this country

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

POLICE RESCUED RECENTLY a 12-year-old girl who was snatched from her father in Angeles City while they were on their way to her school.

The girl's abductors demanded P6 million for her release. The kidnappers said they would starve the girl to death if her parents didn't come up with the ransom.

When the police rescued her, the girl was half starved. One of the girl's caretakers took pity on her and fed her small amounts of food.

The girl's father, a rice dealer, said he couldn't afford the P6-million ransom.

Police arrested the kidnapping mastermind, Jose Marin Manlangue, 38, a rice mill operator in Lubao, Pampanga, where the girl was rescued.

As a veteran police reporter, I sense that the girl was an innocent pawn in a business quarrel between her father and Manlangue.

The police were easily able to locate the place where the girl was being kept because of the father's business dealings with Manlangue.

I think the girl's father owed Manlangue a big amount, probably P6 million, which he wouldn't or couldn't pay.

Manlangue abducted the girl to force the father to pay up.

But even if the motive was to force the father to pay a debt, it was still kidnapping for ransom.

And Manlangue should be punished severely for involving an innocent child in his business quarrel with the girl's father.

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The United Nations, through the Unicef, calls for special protection of children in countries through legislation.

In the Philippines, several laws have been passed that protect the rights of women and children in this male-dominated society.

The laws are Republic Act 7610 or The Child Abuse Law; RA 8353, The Expanded Rape Law; RA 9262, Protection Against Violence of Women and Children. RA 9208 or The Anti-Trafficking Law that deals with trafficking of children and minors. (Source: Police Director Marcelo Ele Jr., head of the Directorate for Investigation and Detection Management, who's a lawyer).

So, it's shocking to hear of a government male prosecutor taking advantage of a young girl's innocence and her grandmother's ignorance. He should know better.

Assistant Prosecutor Norberto dela Cruz of Malolos, Bulacan ordered a 15-year-old rape victim to undress in front of him and her grandmother.

"Aber, tingnan ko lang kung laspag nga ang apo mo (Okay, let's see if your granddaughter has been violated)," said Prosecutor Dela Cruz.

Because the child and grandmother didn't sense any malice, the girl unbuttoned her blouse and removed her bra. The prosecutor then stared very long at the girl's breasts.

You know what this prosecutor did afterwards? He ordered the release of the rape suspect!

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In yesterday's INQUIRER on Page 2, the Philippine National Police explained why the cops had to shoot three suspected car hijackers when they were already immobile.

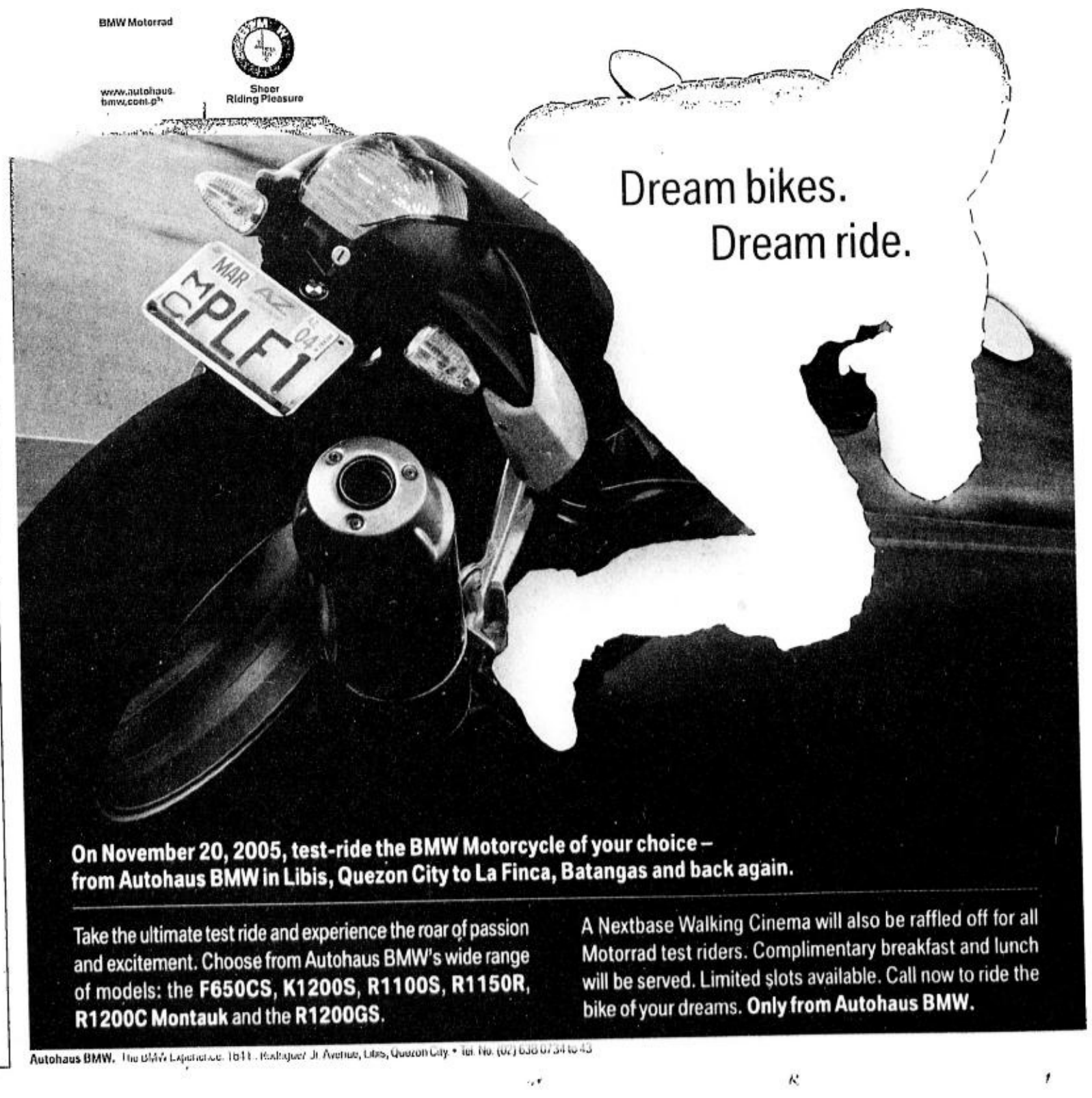
The PNP said that "a state of danger" existed when the cops were shooting at the suspects as they lay slumped in their car.

I agree with the PNP's explanation.

In a shootout where crime suspects are armed, cops should make sure that the suspects are no longer able to shoot back as the cops approach their position.

That's the reason a cop is ordered to shoot a crime suspect twice in rapid succession in a gunfight in order to fell him. The second shot is for insurance, meaning opponent should no longer be able to shoot back.

That, in essence, was what happened at the Ortigas shootout. Those guys were armed. In fact, they shot at the cops first before they were felled by a hail of bullets.



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Carjack suspects were still alive – TMG chief

By Norman Bordadora, Luige del Puerto and Edson Tandoc Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEment Group's Task Force Limbas may have acted without consideration for human life when they still fired at the carjacking suspects although they already appeared immobilized, a member of the Commission on Human Rights said yesterday.

"It was apparent that the operatives didn't have any consideration for the value of human life," said CHR commissioner Wilhelm Soriano after TMG Chief Supt. Augusto Angcanan and Pasig City police chief Sr. Raul Medina testified at the CHR yesterday.

The CHR is conducting its own investigation of the alleged Nov. 7 shootout between three suspected carjackers and TMG operatives at the Ortigas Center in Pasig City after video footage showed police still firing at the suspects even if they appeared already dead.

In his testimony, Angcanan admitted that Francis Manzano and Anthony Dulay were still alive when they were fired at by policemen.

But Angcanan said that one of the suspects was reaching for a gun, prompting the police to fire at the seemingly immobilized suspects.

"The justification available was self-defense... (But) the presumption that the suspects were armed and dangerous needs a lot of convincing," said Soriano.

Soriano said the video taken by UHF channel UNTV whose offices are near the site of the shooting showed that the suspected car thieves no longer posed any threat to the police operatives.

"This is not prejudging the case, but the UNTV video showed that the suspects were already immobilized," Soriano said.

Soriano said the name of the policeman who told Angcanan about Manzano allegedly reaching for a gun at the backseat of the suspect's rented sedan is already in the records submitted by the police to the CHR.

"I'm not yet at liberty to tell you that," Soriano said when asked about the identity of the lawman who shot Manzano.

Soriano said that all 10 operatives have been summoned by the CHR and, as per Interior and Local Government Sec. Angelo Reyes' assurance of full cooperation, are expected to give their respective versions of what transpired that night.

Medina said that the TMG had coordinated its operations with the Eastern Police District that has jurisdiction of the Pasig City police station.

The police is also conducting a parallel investigation of the shooting incident.

On Monday, members of the fact-finding body created by the Internal Affairs Service will view the unedited UNTV video of the shooting incident.

"We will view the video on Monday," said Sr. Inspector Renato Marasigan, the designated spokesperson of the IAS team.

"We have requested the UNTV management to allow us to view the original

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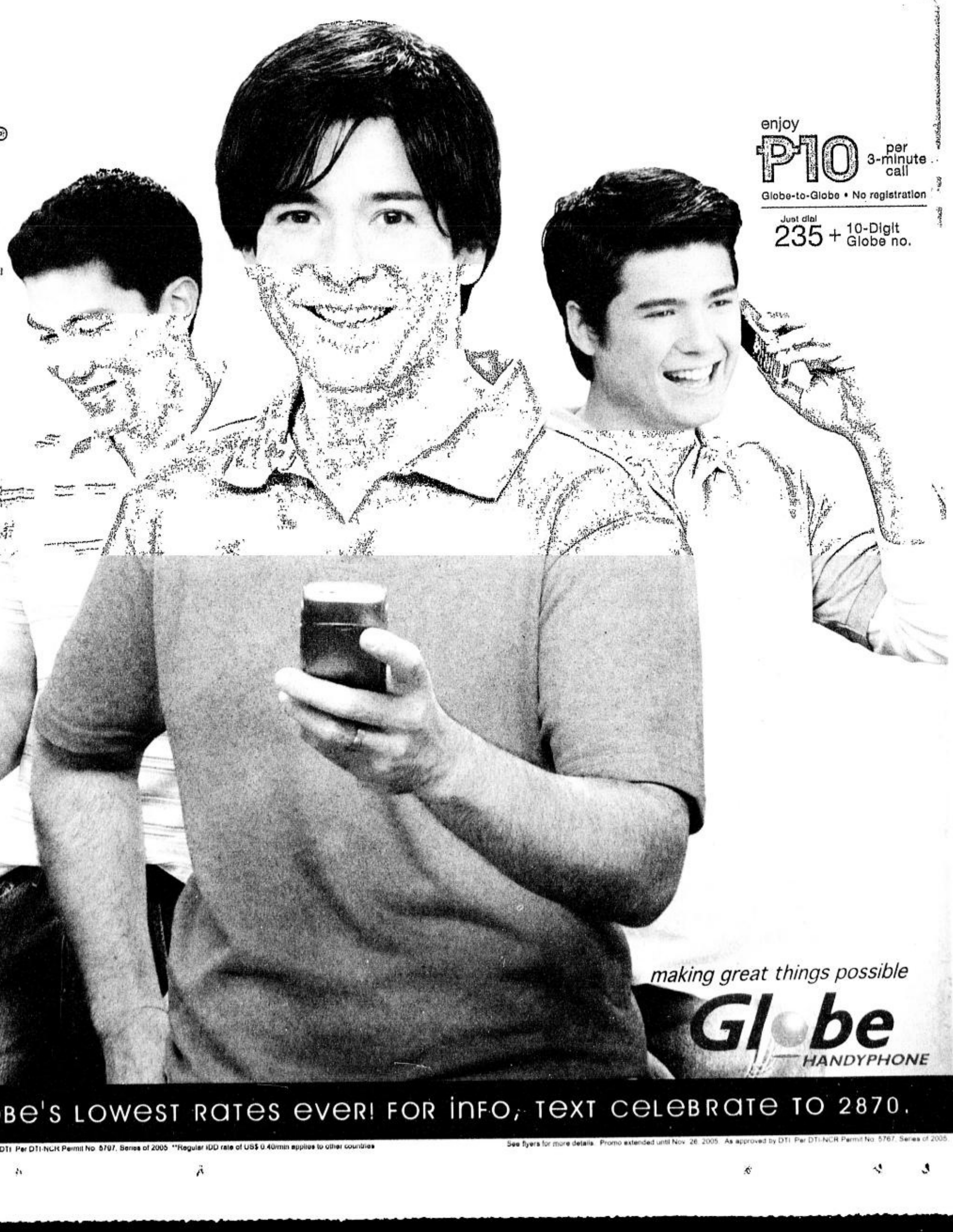

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POC decries intervention; BAP seeks reinstatement

By Francis Ochoa

KEY PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE officials yesterday issued a warning that the recent court decision ordering the reinstatement of the Basketball Association of the Philippines has put the 23rd Southeast Asian Games in peril.

POC chair Robert Aventajado and Asian Tennis Federation president Salvador Andrada questioned the court order, saying it is courting sanctions from the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The IOC charter, according to the POC, prohibits legal and government intervention in matters involving national Olympic organizations.

As this developed, BAP president Joey Lina continued to reiterate his call for the POC to heed the court decision and reinstate the national sports association so the ban on the country's participation in international meets will be lifted and the country can host the sport in the SEA Games.

The international basketball federation (Fiba) suspended the country after the POC expelled the BAP through a majority vote of the general assembly.

"If the POC complies the soonest with the court's order and informs the Fiba about it, Fiba's suspension of the Philippines is automatically lifted," Lina said.

The former senator added that the BAP has a contingency plan that can allow it to prepare for the hosting of the basketball event even if the SEA Games is just 10 days away.

"We have a very good chance of defending our title," Lina said. "To the POC, let us set aside our organizational differences for the sake of our country and our people."

"The Manila Regional Trial Court failed to consider several things," Aventajado said. "The short-term issue of the SEA Games was given more weight than the long-term solution we had forged with the [Fiba] through the memorandum of agreement we signed on Sept. 29 in Geneva, Switzerland."

In that MOU, the Fiba tasked the POC to form a new federation that will take the place of the BAP not later than March 31 next year as a prerequisite for the lifting of the suspension.

Several major basketball leagues also rushed to the defense of the POC, with the UAAP and the NCAA saying they were committed to the formation of the new federation.

The UAAP's Ricky Palou said the court order doesn't change the league's affiliation with the POC while the NCAA's Bernie Atienza said "we already have made our commitments."

Singapore coach downplays nat'l booters' chances

BACOLOD CITY—SINGAPORE FOOTBALL coach Radjok Avramovic downplayed the Philippines' chances of making an impact in the Southeast Asian Games.

"They should reach the semifinals first. Then, I'll give my comment," Avramovic told the INQUIRER shortly after arriving with his team here.

But Philippine Football Federation president Juan Miguel Romualdez thinks otherwise.

"I think we're going to give many teams a headache," Romualdez said here Thursday after watching the RP XI shut out Air Force, 7-0, in its last tune-up game before plunging into action in the biennial meet.

Romualdez said the inclusion of Fil-Briton brothers Phil and James Younghusband and homecourt advantage have boosted the stock of the team—a statement reinforced by Vietnam's Australian coach Alfred Riedl.

"The Philippines has not been doing good in football in the past but I think it has improved. They will be very tough to beat," Riedl said.

But Avramovic, a Serbia-Montenegrin, Riedl and Indonesia's Peter Withe, whose squads are bracketed in the so-called "Group of Death, agreed on one thing: Defending champion Thailand is still the favorite to win the crown.

Thailand has won the title six times and former coach Peter Withe, now mentor of the Indonesian side, sees no reason why the Thais are not favored to win it again.

"They are still the strongest team here but I think there are three or four teams that will give them a run for the title," said Withe. *Cedelf Tupas*

GILAS MEETS PINAKAMAGILAS: SEA Games official mascot, Gilas, welcomes Manny Pacquiao, who arrived yesterday morning from Los Angeles. Manny will meet Gilas again this weekend to convey his message to Pinoy athletes and the Filipino people. PHILSOC

Pagunsan powers RP golfers

MULTITITLED JUVIC PAGUNSAN AND THE talented pair of Jayvie Agojo and Frances Bondad will spearhead the country's golf bid in the 23rd Southeast Asian Games at The Country Club in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Named by the National Golf Association of the Philippines to the men's team with Pagunsan were Jay Bayron, Marvin Dumandan and Michael Bibat. Anya Tanpinco joins Agojo and Bondad in the ladies squad training under the watchful eyes of head coach Bong Lopez, assistant coach Chris Guerrero and team skipper Gen. Bert Sabularse. Tapped as alternates are teener Tonlits Asistio and Gene Bondoc for the men's team and Lora Roberto for the ladies squad. The RP golfers are eyeing a sweep of the golds in the individual and team competitions although they are expected to have their hands full against the tough Thailand squad. Thailand's bid also suffered a bit after its top player, Chinarat Phadungsil, also decided to turn pro after topping the recent Double A International Open.

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Villanueva heroics power Red Bull past Talk 'N Text

By June Navarro

ANTIPOLO CITY—For somebody agonizing the entire night, Quemont Greer was fortunate enough to have an Enrico Villanueva willing to do his job.

Villanueva stepped into Greer's shoes and propelled Red Bull Barako to a 91-89 come-from-behind win over Talk 'N Text in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference last night at the Ynares Center.

Coming up with import-like figures, Villanueva banged in 17 of his 23 points in the second half on top of 15 rebounds, seven assists, two blocks and a steal in powering the Barako to their sixth victory in 11 games.

Villanueva practically went out of his way and took the cudgels as Greer's outside game deserted him, which began after he missed his first six shots from the field.

"Offensively, we have yet to reach our peak," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao. "But as long as we're aggressive in defense and rebounding well, soon we will get there."

In the second game, Sta. Lucia hacked out an 85-80 victory over luckless San Miguel Beer.

The Realtors won their third straight game and hiked their record to 5-6 while sending the Beermen to their fourth straight defeat and a 1-8 record.

Jimmy Alapag had two chances to reverse the outcome but his back-to-back desperation attempts from beyond the arc rimmed out. Alapag had 18 points, grabbed seven rebounds and went eight of nine from the free-throw line.

Damien Cantrell and Asi Taulava also failed to boost the Phone Pals.

Taulava was limited to only two field goals in the second half after. Cantrell flubbed a potential game-tying drive as Greer and Villanueva clamped down on him.

The Phone Pals absorbed their fourth setback in 10 games, relinquishing the second spot to the Barangay Ginebra Kings (7-4).

The scores:

First Game

RED BULL 91—Greer 24, Villanueva 23, Tugade 18, Fonacier 5, Baguio 5, Bugia 4, Robinson 4, Valenzuela 4, Ybañez 2, Pennisi 2, Najorda 0.

TALK 'N TEXT 89—Cantrell 21, Alapag 18, Taulava 14, Pablo 11, Miller 8, Belano 5, Telan 4, Washington 3, Cardona 3, Carey 2.

Quarters: 18-16, 43-45, 70-72, 91-89

Zalameda, Arevalo dispute finals seat

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FILIPINO BETS RIZA ANGELA ZALAMEDA AND Czarina Mae Arevalo defeated their respective foes to make the semifinals of the Holcim ITF Philippine Women's Circuit 2 yesterday.

Only one of them, however, will enter the finals as they are lined up against each other today.

Fil-American Zalameda scored a big upset when she defeated top seed Hwang I-Hsuan of Taiwan, 6-4, 6-2, even as Arevalo bundled out American Chrissie Seredni, 6-3, 6-1, to also advance.

They will face each other for a championship berth in the $10,000 tourney which also serves as preview for RP's campaign in the coming Southeast Asian Games.

Zalameda, the 19-year-old sensation out of the University of California Los Angeles, encountered rough sailing in the first set against the world's former No. 35 junior player who broke her for a 3-2 lead in the first set.

But instead of losing her ground, Zalameda used her powerful forehands to put things in order, winning the next two games for a 4-3 lead. Hwang tied the count but there's simply no stopping the charming Fil-Am in the next two games to win the set.

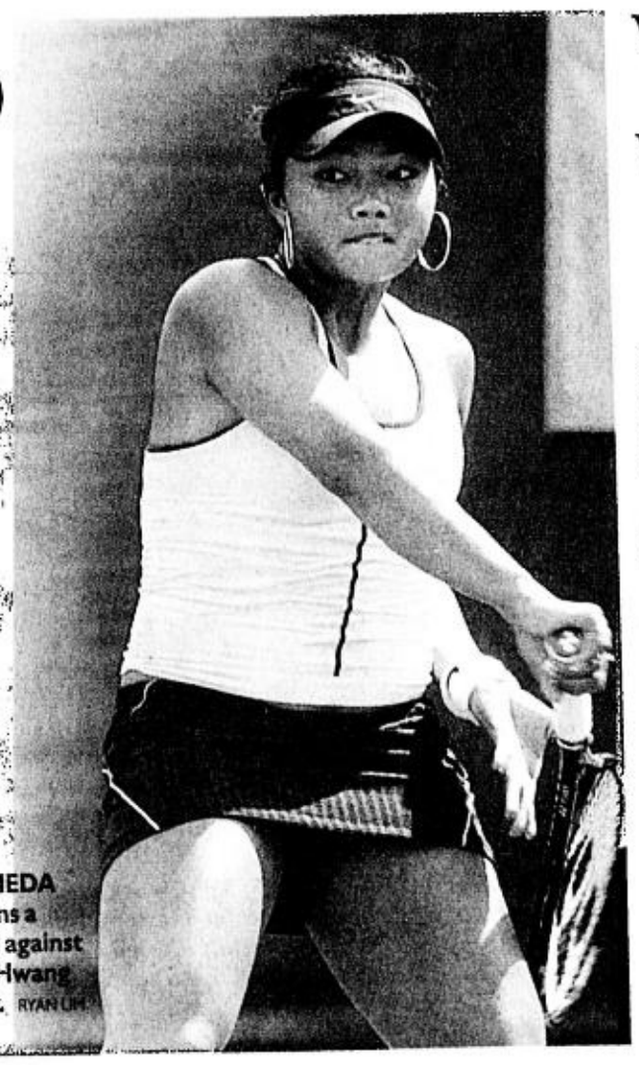
"Zalameda played good today. I did not return well. I cannot control my ball and I made so many mistakes," said the 17-year-old Hwang. She held serve at 2-2 in the second set before Zalameda executed the juggernaut in the succeeding games to finish the match in one hour, 22 minutes.

She vowed to put up a good game against Arevalo in the 9:30 a.m. match.

"I'm glad she won in the quarters and I think it will be interesting to meet her in the semifinal. I'm gonna treat her like any other opponent," said Zalameda, whose father is former RP Davis Cup campaigner Rollie Zalameda.

Going against each other in the other semifinal match are first leg champion Wing-Yau Venise Chan of Hong Kong and Natasha Khan of Great Britain.

Chan bundled out No. 8 Korean Lee Jin-A, 6-3, 6-2, while Khan, a semifinalist in the event in Dublin last July, eliminated fifth seed Thai Pichittra Thong dach, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.



ZALAMEDA returns a backhand against Taipei's Hwang yesterday. RYAN LIM

Wizards seek victory No. 4

GAMES TODAY *(FEU Gym)*
2 p.m.—Hapee-PCU vs Toyota Otis
4 p.m.—Harbour Centre vs Magnolia

MAGNOLIA DAIRY ICE CREAM STAKES ITS unbeaten slate against Harbour Centre while Hapee-PCU and Toyota Otis jostle to move up the standings today in the 2005 PBL Heroes Cup at the FEU Gym.

The Wizards are looking for win No. 4 against the Port Masters who have yet to realize their vast potential in the 4 p.m. match.

With a lineup that includes Kelly Williams, Arwind Santos and Mark Isip, the Wizards should have no problem executing their inside game. But the Port Masters, sporting a 2-1 record, are no pushovers with players like Joseph Yeo and Marcy Arellano.

In the opening game at 2 p.m., league rivals Hapee-Philippine Christian University and Toyota Otis collide in order to improve their lackluster starts in the conference where they both have one win apiece. The Knights, though, have fewer losses at two while the Teethmasters already have three.

Harbour Centre coach Dindo Pumaren readily admitted that his team is facing an uphill battle against Magnolia but hinted at some major adjustments today, using a game-style anchored on defense.

"If we can execute our plays to perfection and play solid defense especially on their big men, we have a good chance against them," said Pumaren.

He added that the Port Masters are also hungry to redeem themselves after bowing to the Knights last week. "What a better way to jump back into winning ways than to beat the unbeaten team," added Pumaren.

Harbour will rely on its own big boys, Jerwin Gaco, Robb Reyes and Jerome Paterno.

Toyota Otis clearly has the edge on paper against Hapee especially after that breakthrough win against Harbour Centre. "But Hapee remains a dangerous team, you can't belittle the boys of coach Junel (Baculi)," said Toyota coach Louie Alas.

RP aerobics team land short in Asian indoor

By Jasmine W. Payo

PHUKET—THEY WERE UNABLE TO ADD to the Philippine medal tally. But the national aerobics team certainly had no regrets about their final-round finish in the 1st Asian Indoor Games on Thursday night at the Sapanhin Sports Complex here in Thailand.

"We're very happy with our performance," said Javier Beren, national team coach for aerobics and gymnastics. "Only Brian (Peralta) has the experience in this group. This is the first international competition of our two other athletes."

Peralta, a Southeast Asian Games bronze medalist in 2003, garnered a sixth-best 17.55 points in the final round of the individual men's event. The 24-year-old cheerleader from Far Eastern University was three-points shy from the 20.4 points scored by gold medalist Jinping Ao of China.

Peralta, along with Dan Mar Luna and Ajjie Mendelebar, also ranked sixth in the team trios event with 16.9 points. China topped the event with 19.95 points.

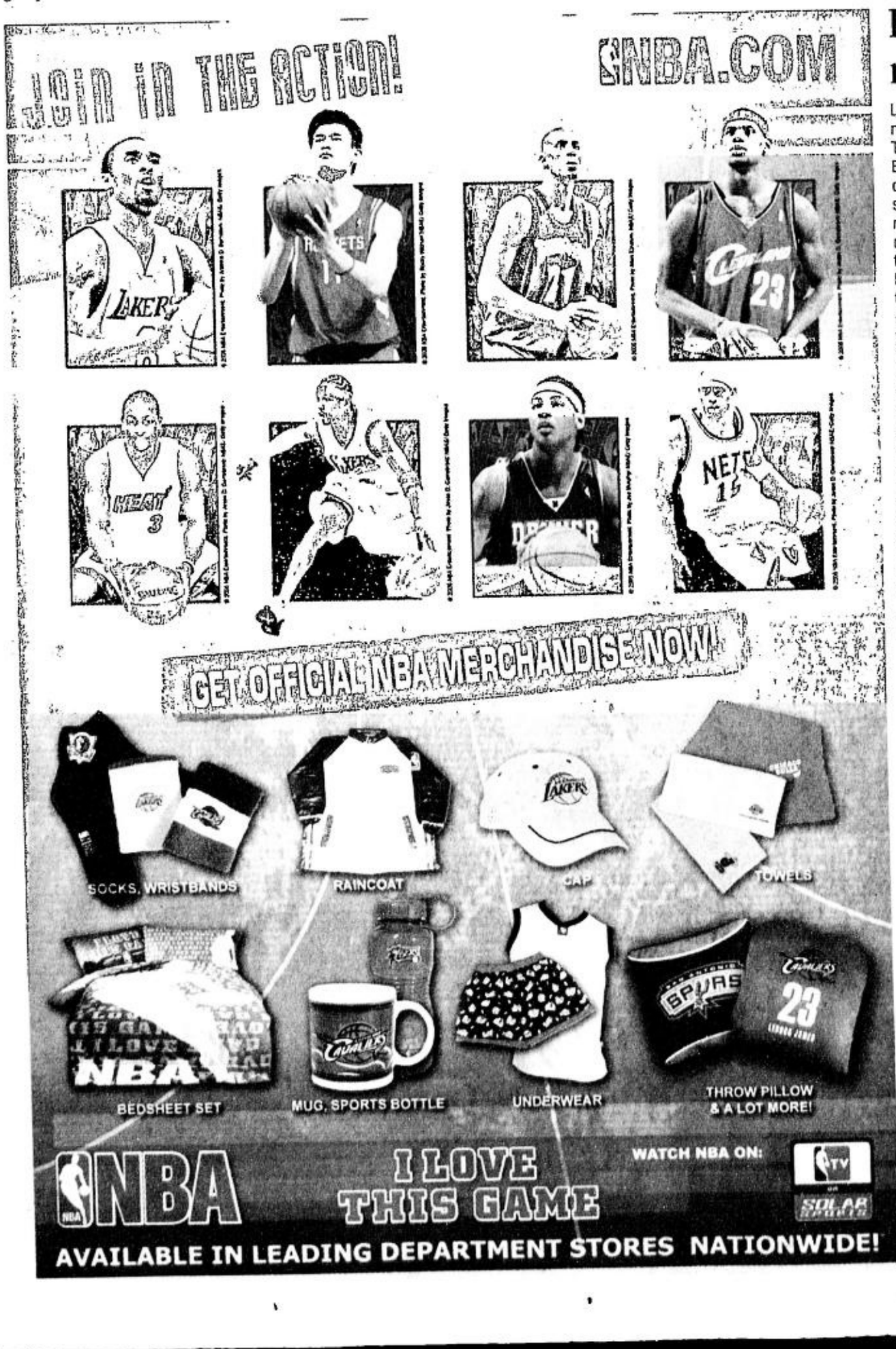
"We were close," said Beren. "It was a surprise that we reached the finals. Our scores in past competitions were usually between 11 to 14 points, so this is a big improvement."

China swept the four golds in aerobics. The Philippines did not field entries in the individual women and mixed pair events.

"I think we just need one more year of preparation and we'll be really competitive in aerobics," said Beren, who also credited his team's new Bulgarian coach Mariyan Kolev. "We had a good choreography because of him. We've been training under him for only two months, but there was already a big difference. He was a big help."

Aerobics closed the Philippine campaign in the nine-sport competition after Armand Young settled for seventh place in the final round of the bicycle stunt park (BMX) event in extreme sports at the Suphanburi X Games Sports Stadium in Suphanburi province.

Mariano's stunts earned 72.67 points, quite a mile from the 92-point performance of gold winner Kiattichai Wanitskun of Thailand.



Bowlers make cut

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA—The Philippines' Tyrone Ongpauco and Ellen Ramos produced respectable scores Thursday to make the cut to 24 men and 24 women in the 41st QubicaAmf Bowling World Cup at the Gladiator Bowling Center here. The 32-year-old Ongpauco tallied 1226 in his fourth six-game block and slid to 11th from fourth place with a 24-game aggregate of 5184 and a 216 average, while Ramos carded 1,257 to jump from 20th to 15th with a 24-game output of 4752 (192 average). Ramos recovered from a shaky start of 158 by firing a high game of 279. Her other games were 223, 174, 198 and 227.

Drag racing starts today

RED HORSE EXTRA Strong Beer, Ito ang Tama recently joined the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office as major sponsors of the four-leg 2005 Red Horse-PCSO National Drag Racing Championship series kicking off today at the BRC Drag Stripin Rosario, Batangas. The deal was inked between Red Horse brand manager Mark Bernal and brand assistant manager Brian O'Hara, and Batangas Racing Circuit's Nelson Gayola recently. Some 70 drivers are expected to converge for the kickoff leg as top drivers from Cebu and Cagayan de Oro will be flying in to test their mettle against drag racers from Manila.

SPORTSWATCH

UST, 3 others share badminton lead

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS, ADAMSON, UP AND TECHNOLOGICAL INST. OF The Phils. each posted a pair of shutout victories to pace the ladies side of the college division at the start of the four-day qualifiers of the JVC Inter-scholastic Badminton Championships at PowerSmash Thursday. Bannered by Rose Ann dela Cruz, Jemelee Vicencio, Leah Frias, Kathleen Anasco and Lyka Leonor, UST ripped De La Salle-Araneta, 3-0, then blanked Philippine Normal University, 3-0. Adamson whipped PNU, 3-0, and DLS-Araneta, 3-0, behind the exploits of singles bets Jubie Vallarta and Isabel Villaran and the doubles tandem of Rowena Tan and Emily Gali. UP, led by Ron and Jertie Kagalingan, Sarah and Sheryl Caraig and.Liza Sormillo beat Colegio de San Agustin, 3-0, and edged PMI, 2-1. TIP drew superb games from its crew to down EARIST, 3-0, and Holy Angel U, 2-1.

Big field seen in Pasay derby

NO LESS THAN 100 ENTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO SEE ACTION IN PASAY CITY cockpit's annual Pasko Na Sa Pasay 5-cock derby, slated on Dec. 16 and 18. The event will be sponsored by Sagupaan Complexor 3000. Pit manager Eric dela Rosa said that the guaranteed prize is P1 million or more. Entry fee is P10,000. Participants who will score two wins in the elimination will get a bonus of P10,000. The finals is on Dec. 18. For details, call 843-1746, 843-1890 and 816-6750.

Makati event stakes P3M, Innova

THE WTJ SPORTS AND AMUSEMENT CORP. HAS PUT UP A GUARANTEED prize of P3 MILlion and a brand new Toyota Innova in the Pamaskong Salpukan 6-Cock Derby on Dec. 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 26 and 28 at the Makati Coliseum. This spectacle requires a low entry fee of P11,000. Participants with scores of 1.5, 2 and 2.5 in the elimination rounds will collide on Dec. 26, while those with 3 points must compete on Dec. 28. For inquiries, call 896-3545 and 895-6475. Meanwhile, Rudy Albano emerged as the NCA Stagfighter of the Year Wednesday night.

Daytime derby set at SJC

A GUARANTEED PRIZE OF P1 MILLION PLUS A NEW OWNER-TYPE JEEP ARE at stake in San Juan Coliseum's 4-Cock Daytime Derby on Dec. 13, 15 and 17. To be hosted by the SJC management and Aba Badiola, the derby has an entry fee of P4,400. For inquiries, call 0918-2620338 (Aba) 725-5665, 725-5369 and 727-7086. Participants who will score two wins in the elimination round on Dec. 15 will get a 21" color TV as bonus. A refrigerator awaits two pointers on Dec. 15.

Big Roligon bash Dec. 5

ROLIGON MEGA COCKPIT'S INCREDIBOL NA, APORDABOL PA 5-COCK DERby, which drew 328 entries last year, has the making of another blockbuster. Slated on Dec. 5, 7, 10 and 12, the event has an entry fee of P8,800. Host Rolly Ligon said guaranteed prize is P2 million plus a brand new Mazda as bonus prize for the fastest win champion. For details, call 851-2275, 833-1638 and 852-9812.

GOLF SCHOLARS: Some of the beneficiaries of the Ka Eliong Foundation scholarship in front of the Royal Northwoods Golf Clubhouse in San Rafael, Bulacan. foundation is staging the fifth Ka Eliong Memorial golf tournament on Nov. 25-26 at the Royal Northwoods. For details, contact (02)440-6044, (02)443-1656 and (044) 766-0278.

African vows to KO Bautista

Tunacao eyes OPBF diadem

By Salven L. Lagumbay

TOKYO—FILIPINO MALCOLM 'EAGLE Eye' Tunacao tries to knock the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) bantam title off champion Kumamthong Por Pluemkamol's head when they cross paths in a 12-round war at the Korakuen Hall here today.

Both Tunacao and Kumamthong came in at 118 lbs during official weigh-in here yesterday.

"Im ready for this fight," said Tunacao. "All my hard training in Tokyo and the Philippines will be put to good use tomorrow when my punches start landing."

The southpaw from Mandaue City is expected to use his height and reach advantage against his older foe from Bangkok, who took the OPBF crown with a shock win over Japanese Jun Toriumi last July 16.

By Recah Trinidad

TAGBILIRAN, BOHOL—THERE'S practically no chance for the championship fight to go the 12-round distance.

Hometown fans and a scramble of local scribes, in fact, wanted to know from Rey "BoomBoom" Bautista, their youthful idol, at what exact point he plans to dispose of his mysterious African challenger.

But before Bautista could reply, Obote "Thunder" Ameme, who goes for the World Boxing Organization Asia-Pacific bantamweight crown tonight, beat BoomBoom to the microphone.

The mandatory challenger declared he would knock out the champion in two quick rounds during yesterday's weigh-in cum press conference at the plush Island Mall here.

Stunned, all Bautista could do was explain he planned to finish off the African inside four.

If the African is still on his feet by then, Bautista said what he would do next has to remain a secret.

It's no secret, but not too many fans don't know Bautista could've earned a fortune had he agreed to stage this second defense of his regional title at the Araneta Coliseum.

Bautista opted for a smaller purse—P250,000—because he wanted to fight here and bring joy to his fellow Boholanos, explained his discoverer and manager, Tony Aldeguer.

Bautista, 18 and slightly taller than his foe, is a solid favorite over the 27-year-old Obote, a quietly menacing warrior who has knocked out all but five of his 27 victims.

But because Bautista (17-0, 13 KOs) is also known for his power and fierceness inside the ring, it would come as a big surprise if no stoppage were registered in the main bout.

"Don't be surprised if the companion big bout steals the thunder from the main event," said broadcaster Ronnie Nathanielsz, whose Viva outfit will show the championship on RPN-9 starting at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Another local boy, 20-year-old Caesar Amonsot, tries to snatch the WBO Aspac 130-lb crown from Indon Victor Mausol in the companion mainer.

Bautista was a shade under at 117 lbs but Obote, who showed up at 119 lbs, finally made 118 only after an hour under the sun.

Pampanga-based Bruce McTavish, a New Zealander with 137 title bouts behind him, will officiate the Bautista-Obote duel, while the competent Tedy Alivio of Cebu works the Mausol-Amonsot bout.

Tagbilaran Mayor Dan Neri Lim repeated they were out for history, not profit, in what's billed as the biggest sports offering in the history of Bohol.

Lim said all senior citizens will not be charged a single cent.

Expulsion void at start

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

AS OF 4 PM. YESTERDAY, THE press was still awaiting word from the POC following a court order issued by Judge Manuel Barrios the other day mandating the sports body to reinstate the Basketball Association of the Philippines which was expelled last June 30.

Frankly, I couldn't second guess what step POC president Peping Cojuangco would take.

It certainly wouldn't look good for his public image if he went straight to the Court of Appeals and filed an injunction, since this would be tantamount to rejecting the only chance left for us to defend our cage crown in the SEAG.

On the other hand, if he complied with the court order, he will either have to eat his words or make good the threat he made to resign should the BAP be reinstated.

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Only the other day, former PHILTA president Col. Buddy Andrada made a statement to the effect that it was "easier to become POC president than for the BAP to be reinstated in the POC."

Noting that I couldn't comprehend the logic of what he said, Col. Buddy explained that installing a POC president into office needed only a 50 percent vote from the NSA membership while a move to reinstate the BAP would take a three-fourths vote.

While the Colonel's first statement could be true, the second is absolutely false, because according to BAP legal counsel lawyer Bonito Alentajan, the NSA votes to expel the BAP were void from the beginning. The ball is solely in Peping's hands, so to speak.

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Meanwhile, the SEAG countries originally participating in the basketball event before it was cancelled had been notified of the latest development.

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam, expressed their preparedness should the cancellation of the event be reversed.

As for the Fiba, it is also ready to lift the ban on the Philippines pending the decision of the POC which can be held in contempt if it defies the court order.

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Although so much has been written about the De la Salle University eligibility issue, reader Toto Battung, an Adamson graduate whose sibs come from schools like Ateneo, DLSU and UST, feels that so many questions have been left unanswered and the real culprits may never be exposed.

Without a doubt, Toto said the scandal has rocked collegiate basketball to its very core and fans will now look at the UAAP differently.

"Deep down, they would ponder if the other schools—more importantly, their own school—had also cheated to gain advantage over their opponents."

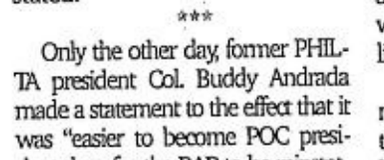
"But there is a reason for everything that happens, and if we look at the brighter side of this mess, we will see that something good is likely to come out of it."

For one, the schools will now be more alert and cautious in monitoring the eligibility of its players. To come up with a better league for young men who will become tomorrow's leaders. Toto said it is important to correct all the wrongs now.

"The effect will not be immediately apparent though. It will trickle slowly through the years. The scandal is just a wake-up call for all schools to take a closer and harder look at itself in the future," he explained.

"Condemn La Salle now. What the University did was wrong, very wrong. Franz Pumaren and his staff have taken the right step by resigning. It will take years before we realize the true effect of this eligibility scandal."

Ang cops trap gold



ANG displays his medals

VETERAN INTERNATIONALIST Eric Ang downed 114 birds to bag the trap event gold medal for the fifth straight year in the recent National Open shooting championships at the PNSA range in Muntinlupa City.

"I'm ready for the Southeast Asian Games," said the 34-year-old businessman from Laoag City after keeping his crown.

A member of the Philippine team that won the gold and bronze medals in the Vietnam SEAG and Busan Asian Games, respectively, Ang beat Carlos Carag, actor/ TV host Richard Gomez, Athens Olympian Jethro Dionisio, Jaime Recio and Raul Arambulo in the finals. Ang lost to Dionisio in the Olympic double trap event.

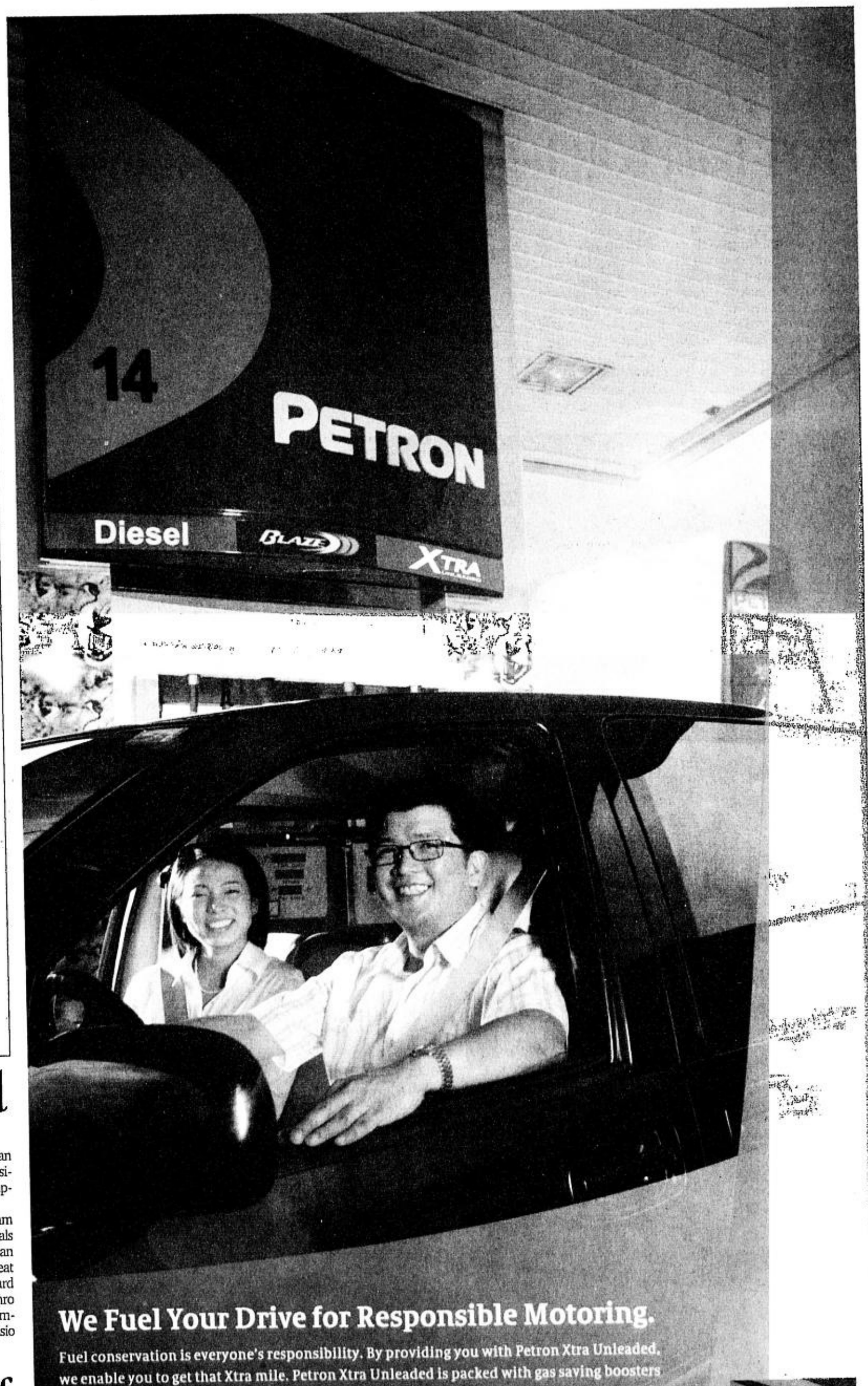
Peña, Sy gain top half

MACAU—DADO PEÑA AND TYSON Sy quickly became big names to some 20,000 Filipino workers here Friday when they made it to the top half of the qualifying race for the tough Asian Formula Renault Challenge, a major side event of the Macau Grand Prix at the Guia Circuit here.

Sy, who was among the first drivers to come out of the pit, submitted the third fastest time among 31 drivers, clocking two minutes and 24.188 seconds for 11 laps. He was .825 behind top qualifier Luca Persiani of Italy while Kayusa Oshima of Japan was second, just .522 behind.

Peña, who failed to complete a lap in practice on Thursday after figuring in a five-car collision made it to 14th place, some six seconds behind Perciani but enough to send his Champ Motorsport Team into a frenzy as three of its drivers made it to the top half.

Peña, whose trip here was backed by Tiger Airways, International Container Terminal Service, Inc., PLDT MyPAD, PLDT MyDSL, Addict Mobile, Hanjin Shipping and tigerairways.com, had a fastest lap time of 2:29.477. The actual race is Sunday.



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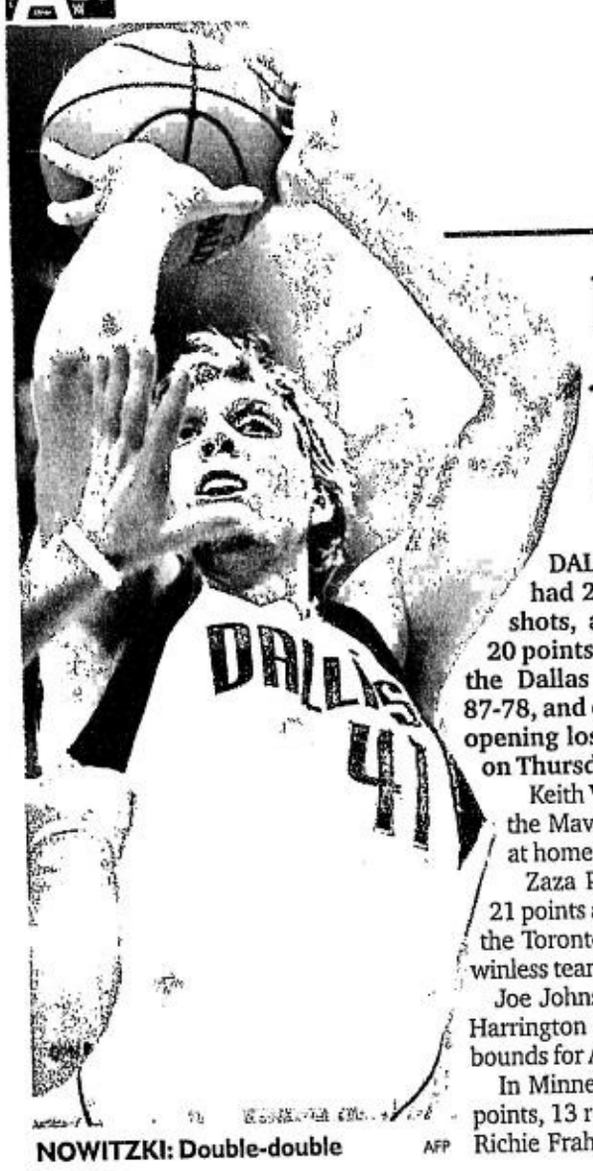


NOWITZKI: Double-double AFP

Mavs down Hawks

Garnett shows why he's world's best

DALLAS—JOSH HOWARD had 25 points and five blocked shots, and Dirk Nowitzki added 20 points and 13 rebounds, helping the Dallas Mavericks beat Atlanta, 87-78, and extend the Hawks' season-opening losing streak to eight games on Thursday.

Keith Van Horn added 14 points for the Mavericks, who improved to 3-0 at home and 6-2 overall.

Zaza Pachulia led the Hawks with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Atlanta and the Toronto Raptors are the NBA's only winless teams—both at 0-8.

Joe Johnson scored 18 points, and Al Harrington added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta.

In Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 25 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists, and Richie Frahm hit key shots in the fourth quarter, helping the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Washington Wizards, 109-98, and snap a two-game losing streak.

"(Garnett) dominates in the first three quarters and in the fourth quarter, everybody pays attention to him and he finds everybody else," Gilbert Arenas said. "That's why he's No. 1 in the world."

Wally Szczerbiak scored 17 points, and Frahm and Troy Hudson added 16. Six Timberwolves players scored in double figures.

Arenas had 33 points and Caron Butler added 15 for Washington, which has lost two straight. The Wizards had five players in double figures.

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 19 points and nine rebounds, and the Spurs held off a late surge by the Houston Rockets for an 86-80 triumph.

Tony Parker scored 17 points for the Spurs, and Robert Horry added 16—including a key 3-pointer late in the game. Manu Ginobili had 15 points and four steals. San Antonio dominated inside, scoring 52 points in the paint.

Tracy McGrady led Houston with a game-high 27 points and 12 rebounds, but was held to 0-7 shooting in the first half. Yao Ming had 19 points, but just one in the second half.

After Juwan Howard's layup cut Houston's deficit to 64-52 with 2:58 left in the third quarter, San Antonio scored the next eight points to stretch their lead to 20 points. AP

NBA on Solar

The Philadelphia 76ers gun for their seventh straight win today when they visit the Miami Heat. Solar Sports will telecast the action starting 8:30 a.m.

Miñoza grabs share of lead

THE PHILIPPINES' FRANKIE MIÑOZA shot a four-under 68 and zoomed to a share of the lead in the second round of the Carlsberg Masters in Vietnam.

Miñoza totaled six-under halfway through the tournament in a tie with Thai star Thaworn Wiratchant, who shot a second round 66.

Gerard Rosales soared with a 76 and stayed at 20th place with a four-over total. He was the next best Filipino after Miñoza. Defending champion Angelo Que, who opened with a 76, fired a 78 and was among those who missed the projected cut.

Meanwhile, Jim Furyk wielded a hot putter to take a one-stroke lead over Tiger Woods and David Duval after the second round of the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Japan Friday.

Furyk posted a nine-under 131 halfway total, but could not break clear of defending champion Woods (67) and the resurgent Duval (68). *AFP*

TOT baseball team off to Japan tourneys

THE PHILIPPINE TOT BASEBALL FOUNDATION will send a team to participate in a twin International Goodwill Tournament at Chiba and Funabashi cities in Japan starting today up to Nov. 22.

The RP squad will first compete in the Chiba Sister City Goodwill Cup hosted by the Chiba city Cultural, Social, and Sports Committee. The team will then move on to Funabashi City for the Funabashi International Baseball Festival hosted by the Funabashi Community Sports Association.

The Philippine team is composed of students from the Ateneo de Manila grade school, namely, Gino Alberto Aganon, Noel Anthony Araneta, Tomas Martin Caluag, Roberto Jose Da Silva III, Benjamin Ma. Daniel Gana, Lorenzo Miguel Ramos, Luis Raphael Ramos, Jose Miguel San Juan, Louie Miguel Santos, Apolinario Miguel Tan, and Jose Carlo Villarin.

They will be headed by the Ateneo Baseball program director Mr. Jimmy General, together with team managers Diane Ramos and Joey San Juan.

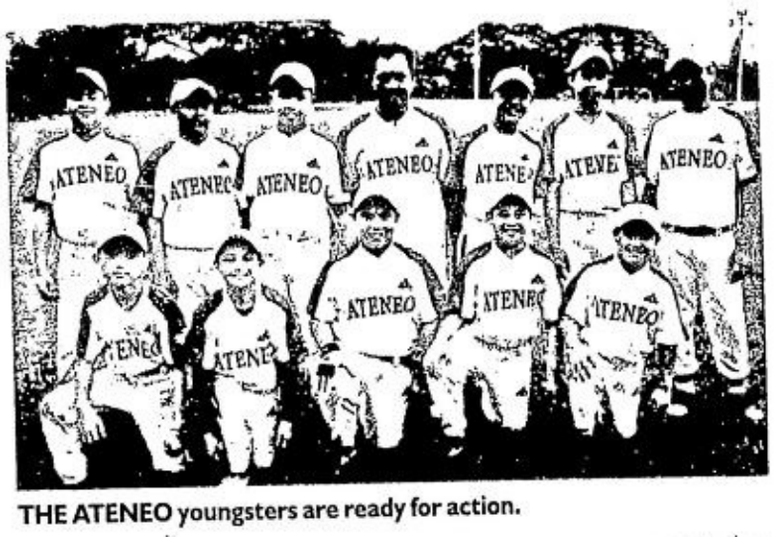
Head coach is former national player and coach Randy Dizer.

They will be playing against the top 3 teams of each city. The team will be representing Quezon City, a Sister City of Chiba for more than 30 years.

Both events are sanctioned by the World Boys Baseball Federation with a membership of more than 40 countries.

TOT baseball president Boy Tingzon stressed that these goodwill series will be a great experience for our young boys because it provides an opportunity to live with Japanese families and learn their culture and traditions.

Moreover, they would learn the latest skills and technology of the sport from top players and coaches of the Chiba Marines—the Japanese Professional League.



THE ATENEO youngsters are ready for action.

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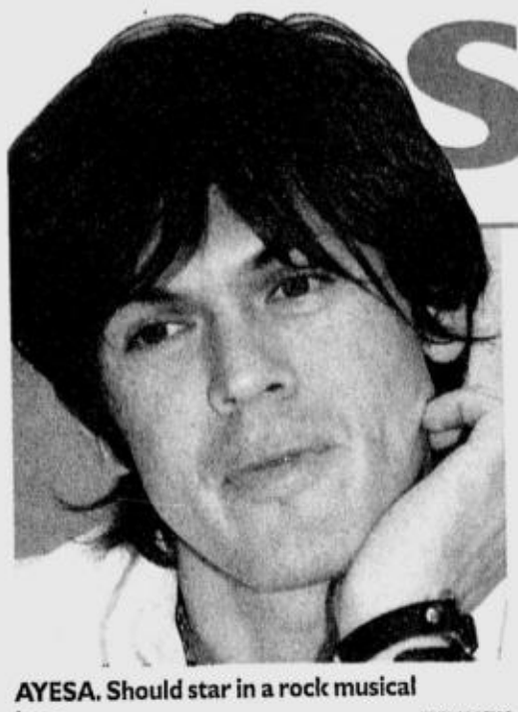

AYESA. Should star in a rock musical here. ERIK ARAZAS

MiG and Constantine fly in to thank their Pinoy fans

By Nestor U. Torre

WHEN THEY COMPETED IN THE FINALS OF "American Idol" and "Rock Star: INXS," respectively, Constantine Maroulis and MiG Ayesa won a lot of Filipino fans. To their credit, they've quickly mined that popularity, and have flown in for performances here, only months after they figured so strongly on those two globally televised competitions.

This is a marked improvement over previous "American Idol" finds, Jasmine Trias and Camile Velasco, who took their sweet time coming here to perform, thus dissipating some of the excitement they would have generated if they'd performed here sooner.

Exposure

Entertainers love performing here because local music fans go ga-ga over "imported" artists, especially stars created by television. There appears to be the feeling that TV exposure automatically results in celebrity, so the current toasts of television are lionized here.

Visiting artists are paid better now, thanks to the burgeoning Philippine show biz market, a direct result of our escalating population. So, it's worth their while coming to this little corner of the entertainment-hungry world—which, by the way, isn't so little anymore, because we now pay good money for shows and albums.

New stars also like the fact that, in the past, we've given relatively unknown actors and singers' careers a much-needed boost, at a time when they needed it most. MiG and Constantine clearly hope that the same "Filipino magic" will happen to their fledgling careers, as well.

Warmer welcome

MiG, in particular, should profit a lot from his performing visit here, because he's Fil-Australian, and thus can expect a warmer welcome from his *kababayan*.

Since he's also a musical theater performer in London, MiG should arrange to star in a rock musical here. That would really energize his career in a unique way that Constantine can't hope to match.

Which is not to say that Mr. Maroulis won't do well here. His "animal magnetism" has won him many fans in the Philippines, and they love it that they're seeing him "in the flesh" so soon.

By the way, the latest on "American Idol" is that it's already auditioning all over the United States for its next season. The big scoop, according to juror Paula Abdul, is that, this early, auditions have come up with a "really fantastic" female singer who could make it all the way to the top, once the next search unreels on TV early next year!

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MAROULIS. His animal magnetism has won him many Filipino fans.

Basil, Kuh pay tribute to Canseco

By Remy M. Umerez

CANSECO. Immortalized by his songs.

THE LATE COMPOSER George Canseco left many memorable songs that have touched millions of Filipinos—tunes that have been immortalized by our top recording artists.

Kuh Ledesma and Basil Valdez have worked closely with George, and share fond memories of the legendary composer, who succumbed to cancer last year:

"He was a very sensitive man. He was always dissatisfied with my interpretations. He would constantly remind me to put more emotion into the songs. He would never leave the recording studio until he was completely satisfied. *Nagbabantay siya* from start to finish," says Kuh.

Duet

Before his death, Kuh asked George to put *Tagalog* lyrics to the Spanish song, "No Me Ames," a duet recorded by Jennifer Lopez and husband Marc Anthony. Ledesma intends to include the song in her forthcoming album to celebrate her 25th year in show business.

Blackgold Records released Kuh's debut album in 1980. It contained 10 tracks, eight of which were written by George! Another landmark song for Kuh is "Ako ay Pilipino," a popular ditty that Ledesma always performs for Filipinos overseas.

Another prominent interpreter of Canceco's poignant love songs is Basil Valdez.

Basil recalls: "Everytime George had a song for me, he would call up and ask me to write down the lyrics. He wrote fast and, remarkably, his songs were all meaningful! His lyrics were measured, as if they were written as poems."

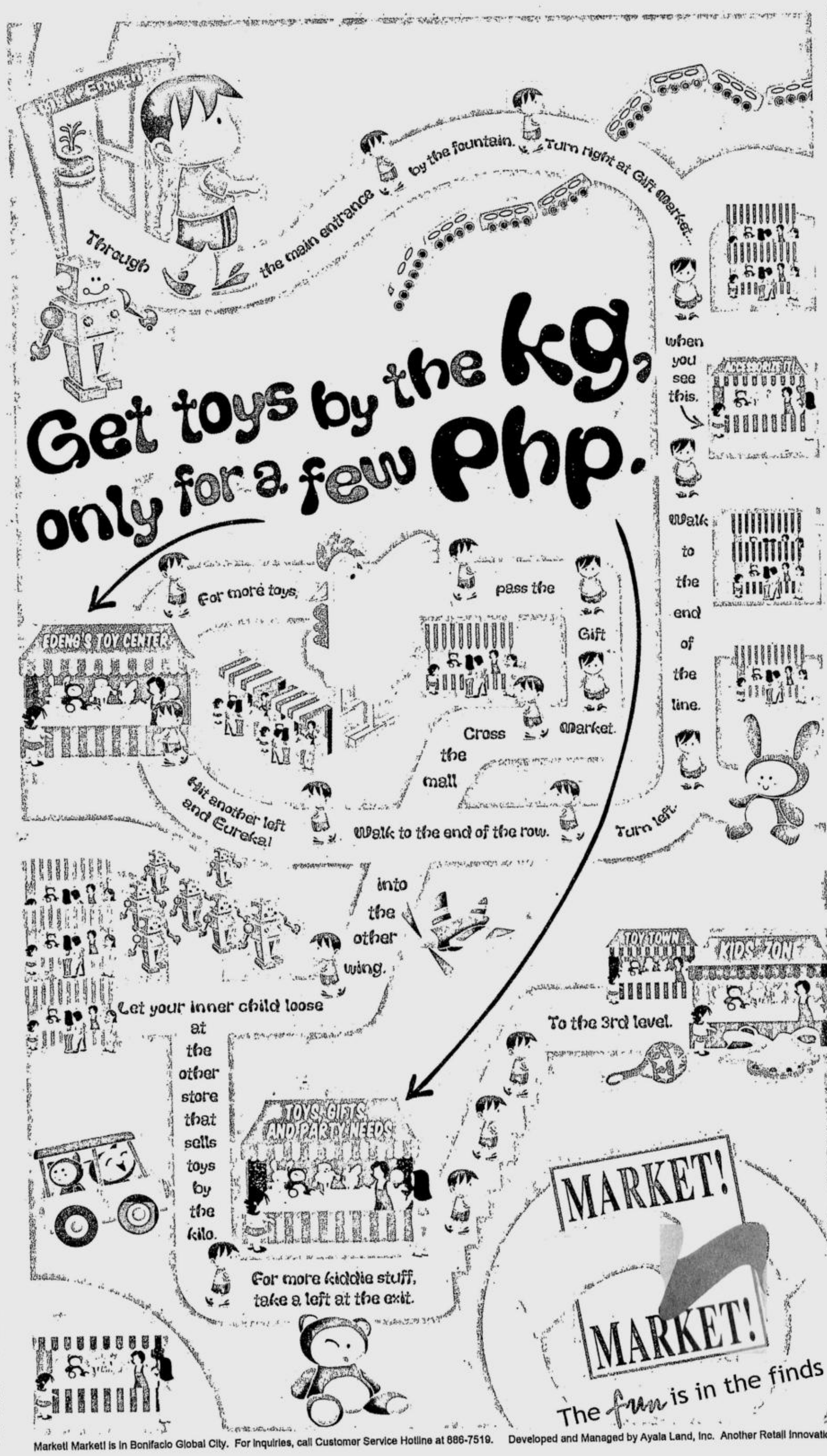
Recording scene

A favorite song of Basil is "Ikaw," a Sharon Cuneta and Ariel Rivera hit that was originally written for Basil when he was inactive in the recording scene. Basil also treasures "Ama," Canseco's version of "Our Father."

Before his death, Canseco wrote the song, "Pakisabi" for Valdez, about a person who missed the chance to tell someone how much he cared. The song will be included in Basil's forthcoming CD.

Basil interpreted some of Canseco's most memorable movie theme songs: "Ngayon at Kailanman," "Gaano Kadalas ang Minsan?," "Kastilyong Buhangin" and "Paano Ba ang Mangarap?"

Today, a special tribute to George, fittingly titled "Paano Kita Mapasasalamatan?," will be held at the PICC Plenary Hall. Kuh, Basil and Christian Baustista lead the star-studded lineup, which includes special guests Pilita Corrales, Dulce, Zsa Zsa Padilla and Martin Nievera.



'Lifestyle in Motion'

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Mandy Navasero

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Anniversary

With 'Lifestyle in Motion,' LRI Business Plaza celebrates its second anniversary with an impressive schedule of events starting this week until Dec. 8. It is the-favorite hub of the expatriate community, which seeks top-quality furniture and furnishings for their homes.

The "Celebrity Lifestyle Showcase" will feature LRI Business Plaza's in-store interior designers.

Guests include sculptor and kinetic artist Gabriel Barredo, fashion designer Yvonne Quisumbing-Romulo, photographer Juan Caguicla and painter Rom Villaseran.

Our photo exhibit, "Celebrities Reading," features 20 personalities engaged in their favorite activity—reading.

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ALYA Honasan is one of 20 personalities featured in author's photo exhibit, "Celebrities Reading."

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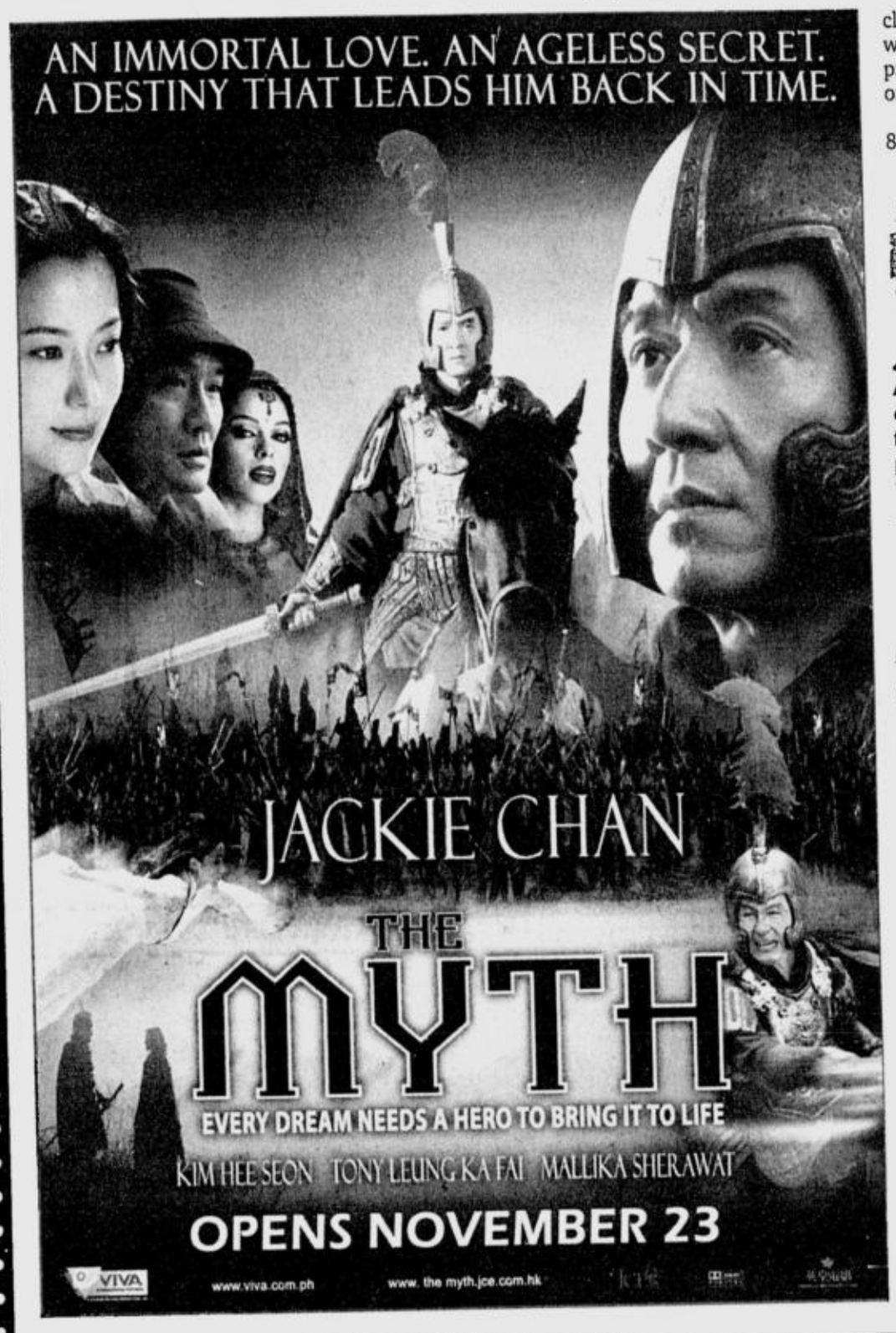

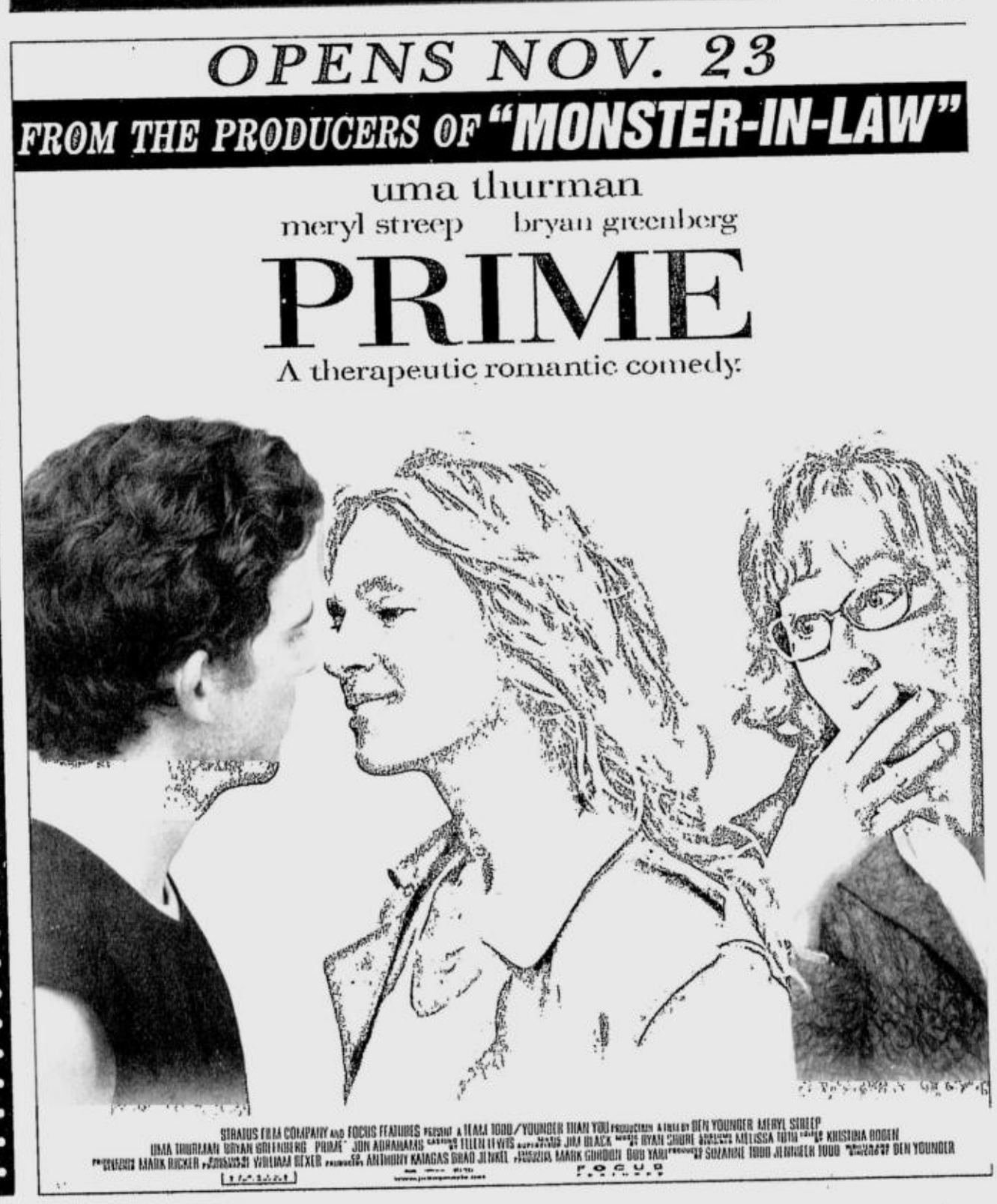

Guava's health . . .

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in his mouth. He repeated the process the following day. The experiment brought relief and healing.

Exhibit

Recently, we attended a wellness exhibit where the Department of Health had a booth that distributed a manual on herbal medicine. One of the items featured was the guava.

According to the manual, the guava doesn't only clean wounds—it cures infections of the gums and teeth. Simply boil half a cup of its leaves in two cups of water for 15 minutes over low heat, allow to cool down, then gargle.

Aside from eating them fresh off the tree, you can prepare delicious recipes from this fruit, as Kathy Hoshijo's book, "Kathy Cooks Naturally," demonstrates:

1. Guava shake—Whip one cup of cold milk, two tbsp. of guava pulp (puree) and two tsp. of honey in a blender until fluffy. This tastes like strawberry milkshake.

2. Whipped guava—mix two cups of guava pulp, half a cup of honey and the juicy bits of half a lemon. Put in freezer. When half-frozen, add half a cup of cream. Cool concoction!

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Unique hooks in new movies

By Nestor U. Torre

HUNdreds of feature films are made every year, but only a few stand out. What makes them especially interesting? An unusual plot premise or "hook" is a major factor.

Journey

Take M. Night Shyamalan's new movie, "Lady in the Water." In the film, a building manager (Paul Giamatti) rescues a mysterious young woman (Bryce Dallas Howard) from danger, only to discover that she is actually a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the difficult journey from our world back to hers!

Similarly inveigling is "The Lake House," a magical love story about a lonely doctor (Sandra Bullock) and a frustrated architect (Keanu Reeves) who live in the same house two years apart. They fall in love via letters they exchange through a mailbox that mysteriously bridges time!

Heroism

Clint Eastwood directs "Flags of Our Fathers," based on the bestseller by James Bradley, whose father was one of the six soldiers who raised the American flag at Iwo Jima. It was only after his father's death in 1994 that Bradley learned the full extent of his father's heroism.

In "North Country," Charlize Theron stars in the inspiring story of a single mother who rallies her coworkers to protest the unfair treatment they get at a local mining company.

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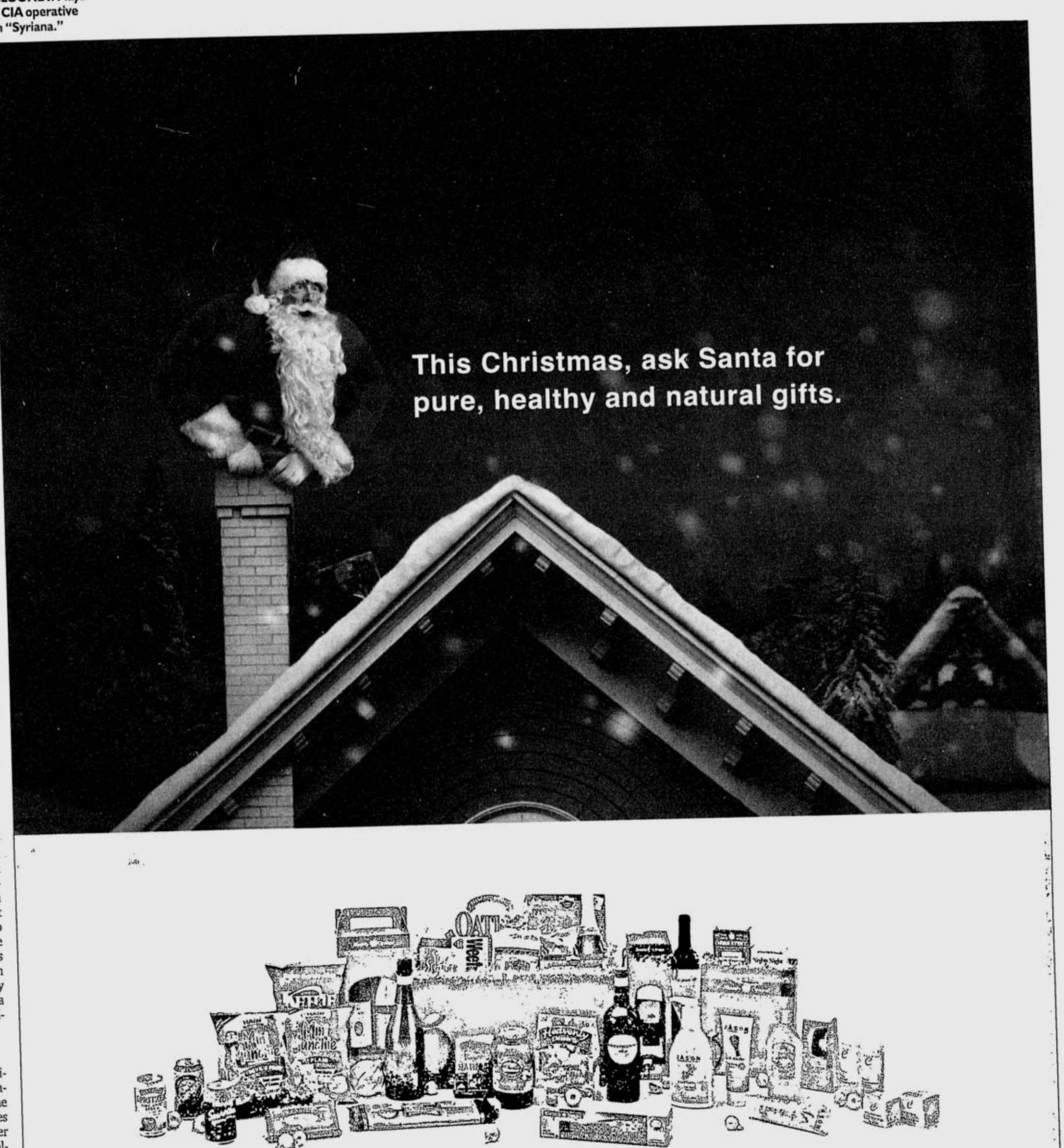

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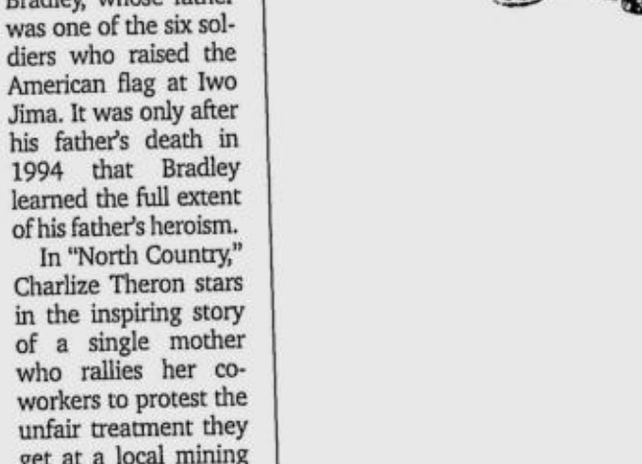

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Unique hooks . . .

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KIDMAN. Topbills "The Visiting."

And, in "Superman Returns," we are presented with a Man of Steel (Brandon Routh) who comes back to Earth after an absence of some years, and tries to find a place in a world that has learned to survive without him.—What a dramatically provocative theme!

Aside from a fascinating hook, other new movies bank on stellar appeal to lure viewers to theaters:

Natalie Portman stars in "V for Vendetta" as a young woman who is rescued from a life-and-death situation by a masked vigilante (Hugo Weaving) known only as V.

Epidemic

For her part, Nicole Kidman in "The Visiting" plays a psychiatrist who fights to protect her son from an epidemic that alters human behavior.

In his latest starrer, "Firewall," Harrison Ford is cast as the head of security at a major bank. His wife and children are held for ransom to convince him to rob the bank of millions of dollars.

George Clooney plays a CIA operative in "Syriana." In the political thriller, he uncovers a disturbing truth about the agency. The film also stars Matt Damon as an oil broker who faces an unimaginable family tragedy.

And, in "The Reaping," Hilary Swank travels to a small town in Texas to investigate occurrences that appear to be the 10 Biblical plagues!

Culinary bazaars

WORD OF MOUTH

Sandy Daza

THE CHRISTMAS season has always been an opportunity for small entrepreneurs to display their products.

When I visited a weekend bazaar on Edsa and Santolan recently, vendors were selling mouth-watering dishes that originated from provinces all over the country.

These days, you'll see bazaars everywhere even when it isn't Christmas: There's the Salcedo market on Saturdays, and the Sunday culinary bazaar in Legazpi Village. Here's a piece of advice, though: Walk around the entire place *before* dining.

Buffet

I came across *Tita* Cely's Grove, a pioneer in Filipino buffet. I remember the franchise's branch on Pasay rd. My friends and I loved its *laing*, *igado*, *kuhol* and other simple *Pinoy* "comfort" dishes.

Then, there's Picadelli, a one-stop deli that offers the mega-*tapa*—slightly sweet, lean and delicious. The Vigan *longganisa* is also excellent, a creation of the personal chef of the late President Quirino.

Right beside Picadelli is a place called Bataan Goodies. Try out its *tinapang banak* and *tinapang* boneless *bangus*. Perfectly smoked, it's great for *Pinoy* breakfast. Highly recommended!

Breakfast

At Casa Isabel, you'll find the perfect accompaniment for breakfast—Aceitunas Alinada. (pronounced *alinyada*). which are marinated olives and shallots. Used like an *atchara*, this item grows on you. Highly recommended, too!

Then, there's up-and-coming young chef Armando "Ikot" Villapando's booth. You should try his lasagna, with its thick and creamy top! On the other hand, Becky's Kitchen sells the best lemon squares.

The Legaspi bazaar is open tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Rufino and Legazpi streets in Makati.

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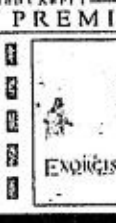

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Real music, genuine emotion in 'Memoirs of Love'

By Noelani Torre

LETTAU. Sings "Sana Maulit Muli" in live album.

YODELING SINGERS may be the local entertainment industry's favorite fare at the moment, but this doesn't mean that we are now deaf to the more subdued, non-eardrum-shattering sort. We crave them, in fact, if the enthusiastic reception given to Kevyn Lettau, Lou Pardini and Joe Pizzulo is any indication.

The three pop-jazz singers charmed listeners earlier this year when they performed together in a concert, "Memoirs of Love," at the Araneta Coliseum. RTI Music and Warner Music recently released a live recording of the show.

Ubiquitous

"Memoirs of Love," the CD, has a 14-track playlist that features songs that most people will recognize even if they have no idea who Kevyn Lettau, Lou Pardini and Joe Pizzulo are—though Kevyn is actually a celebrity here, what with that ubiquitous TV commercial that featured her and her song, "Sunlight." She's also held a number of concerts in the Philippines. "Memoirs" was, in fact, her ninth visit to the country!

On the other hand, it was the first for both Lou and Joe. The audience welcomed them with open arms, nevertheless, which isn't surprising since the former has hits like "What Might Have Been" and "Just to See Her" under his belt, while the latter is well-known for songs like "Never Gonna Let You Go."

You'll hear the abovementioned songs in the CD, as well as classics like "Yesterday" and "What Do We Mean to Each Other?" There's even a Filipino song in the lineup—Gary Valenciano's "Sana Maulit Muli"—which Kevyn sings with perfect aplomb, a few mispronounced words notwithstanding.

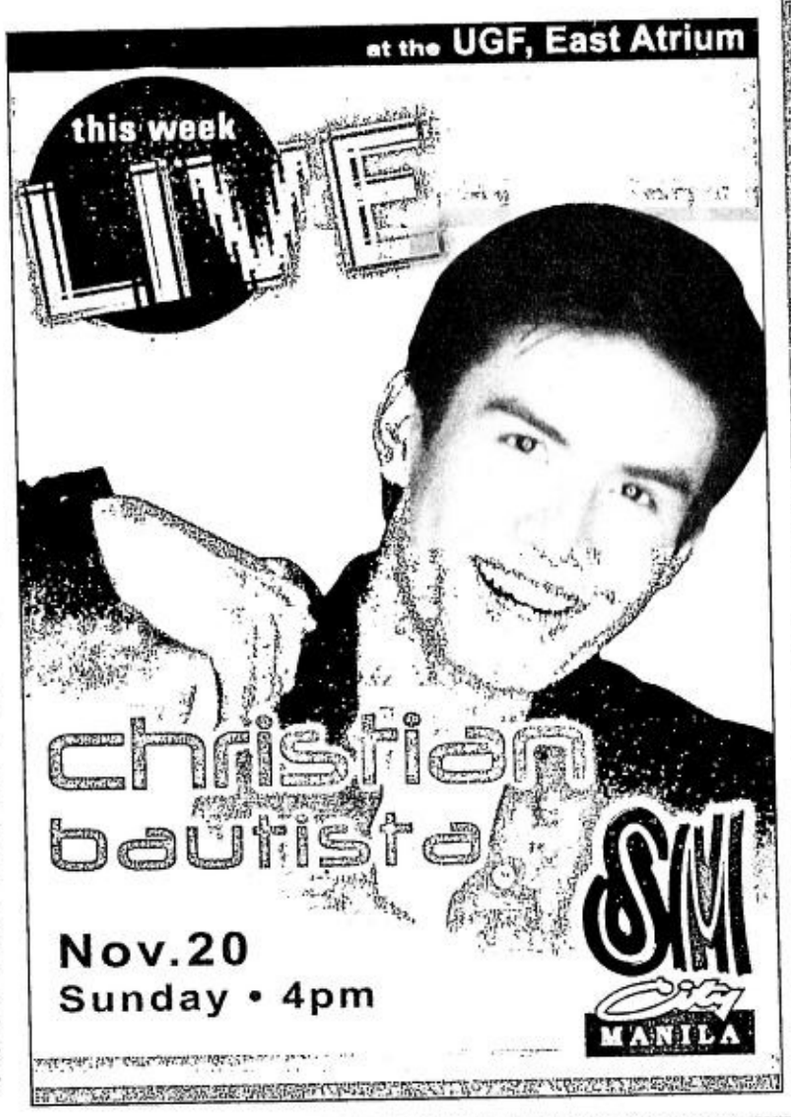
Judging by the effusive applause that greeted every song, those memories must be good, indeed—and certainly, the performances themselves were praiseworthy.

Wide variety

Joe, Kevyn and Lou are veteran performers, after all. They have worked with a wide variety of artists: Sergio Mendez, Burt Bacharach, Janet Jackson, Kenny Loggins, Rod Stewart and Spandau Ballet.

Their performances are as smooth as can be, and they sing their songs with genuine emotion.

If you've grown weary of all that Mariah Carey-ing, listen to "Memoirs of Love," and be reminded that, yes, there are still people making real music out there!



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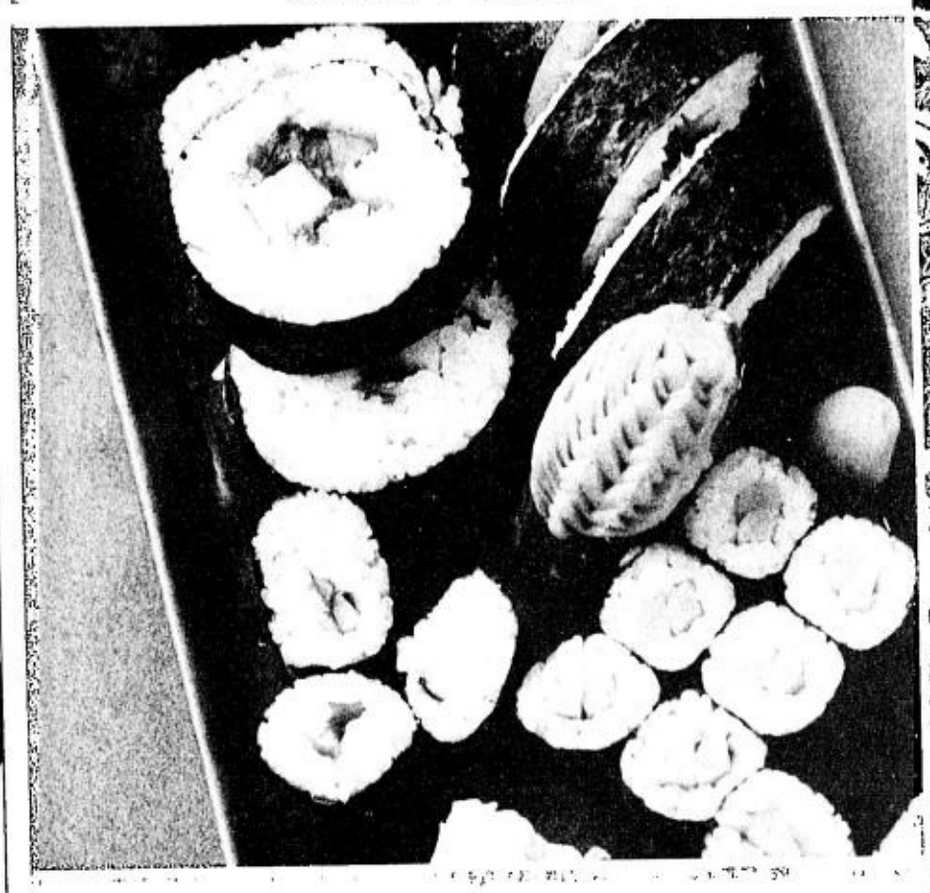

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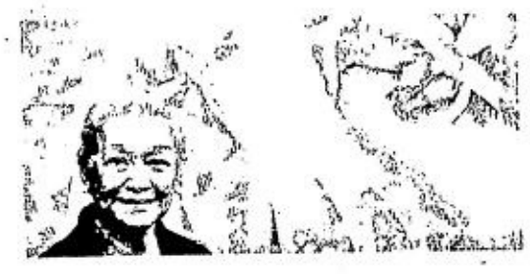

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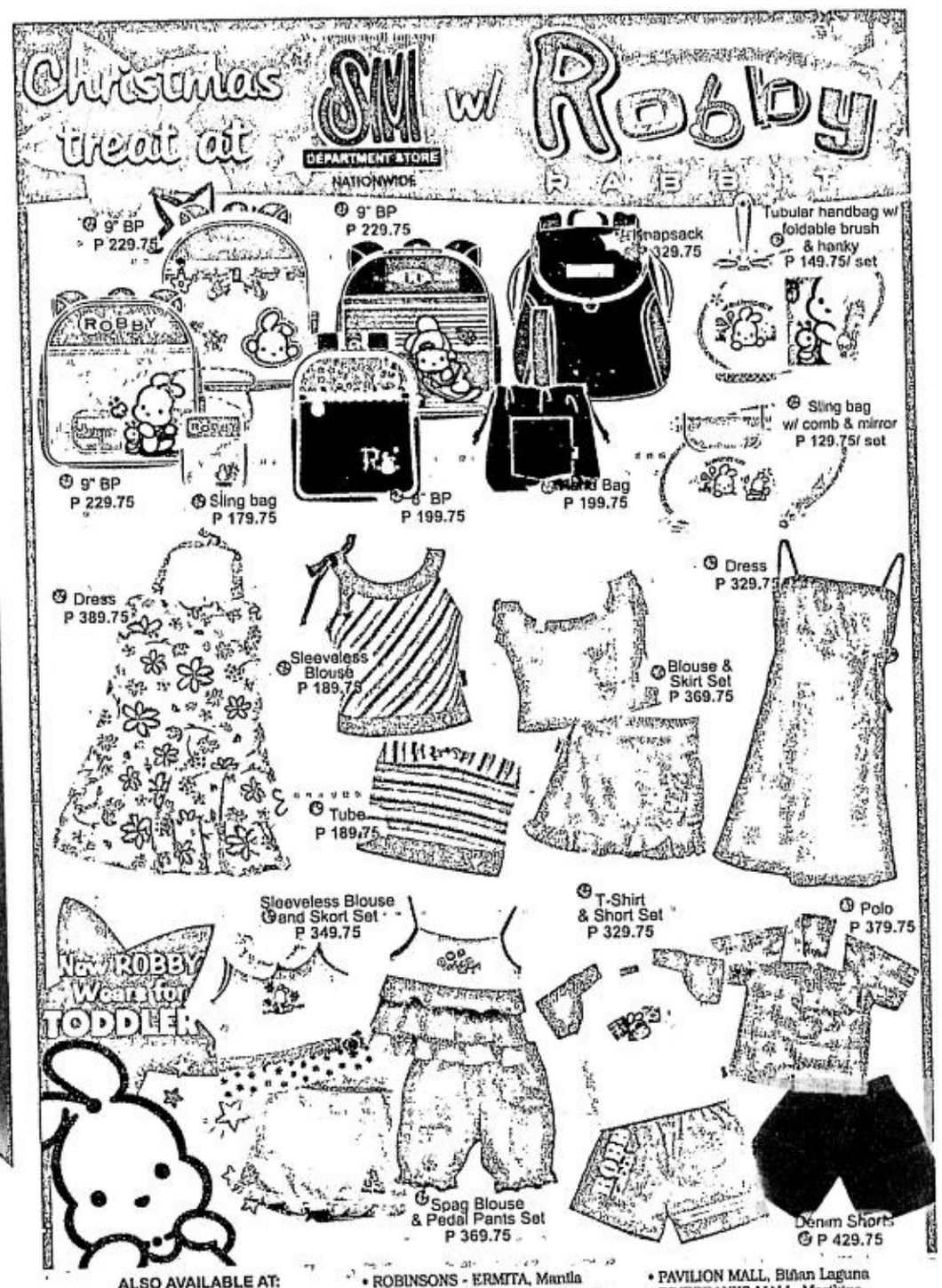

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By Rito P. Asilo

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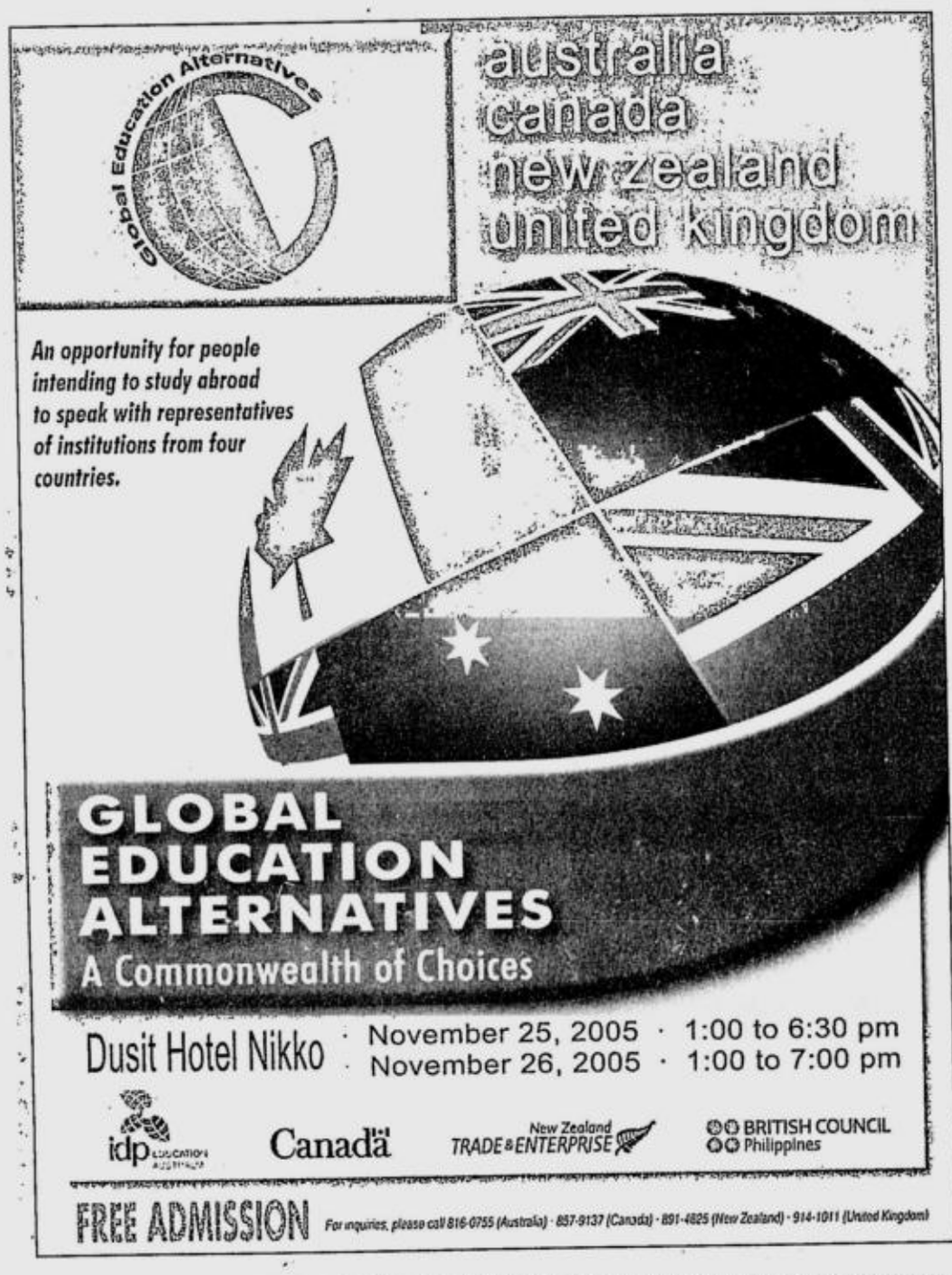

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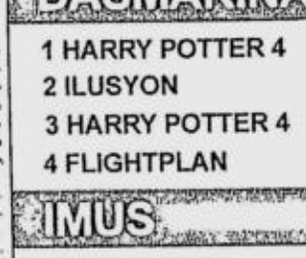

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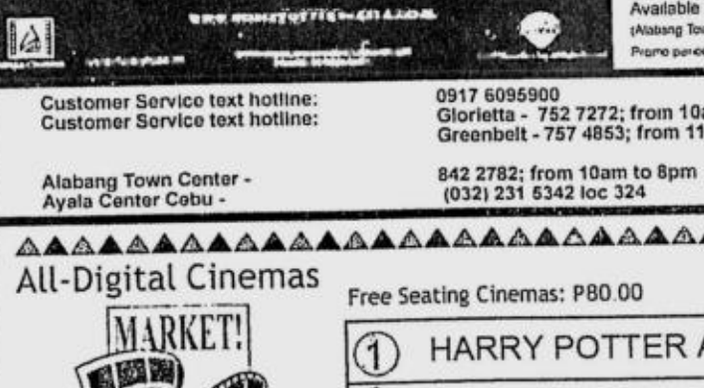

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Ateneo High School Dramatics Society marks golden year

PAGSANGHAN. Exceptional ability to train and inspire his young wards.

By Nestor U. Torre

ONOFRE "PAGSI" PAGSANGHAN IS ONE OF the Filipino theater people we admire most. Many decades ago, he started training high school students at the Ateneo to write, act in and direct plays by way of Dulaang Sibol, the theater group he formed in 1966.

The theater company for high school students began staging plays in a classroom, with a lighting system made up of "spotlights" fashioned out of automobile bulbs.

The venue was ramshackle, but the plays presented there were superb. We were among the first people to savor Dulaang Sibol's high-level student productions, and can vouch for Pagsi's exceptional ability to train and inspire his young wards.

Memorable

A couple of years later, when we were teaching at the Ateneo, we handled a scriptwriting class that was truly exceptional and memorable because our students included some of Pagsi's "star" Dulaang Sibol writers, like Tony Perez and Paul Dumol.

Their classmates included other outstanding talents like Angel Domingo, Dez Bautista, Jaime Lim, Cliff Candelaria and Barge Ramos.

These thoughts come to mind, because Pagsi has just informed us that the Ateneo High School Dramatics Society, Dulaang Sibol's antecedent, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. —That's a truly golden landmark for Filipino theater that we should all celebrate!

Shakespearean plays

Pagsi recalls that the Dramatics Society began staging Shakespearean plays in 1955. In 1966, it produced Filipino plays and renamed itself Dulaang Sibol.

Mr. Pagsanghan continues: "With the new name came new ventures. First, translations, then 'transplantations' ('Our Town' became 'Doon Po Sa Amin').

"The year 1967 spawned our Paligsahang Pandulaan. We dared our high school students to write and produce their own plays. The challenge spurred 16-year-old Paul Dumol to soar with his 'Ang Puting Timamanukin,' and to sear with his 'Ang Paglilitis ni Mang Serapio.' Newspaper critics hailed the winning plays as 'a major breakthrough in the development of our national language.'

"Our Timpalak Awit came in 1975. Four years later, a first year high school student wrote a song that was hailed as the best original Filipino composition that year—'Hindi Kita Malilimutan.'" The 14-year-old composer then is now the seasoned songwriter, Fr. Manoling Francisco, SJ.

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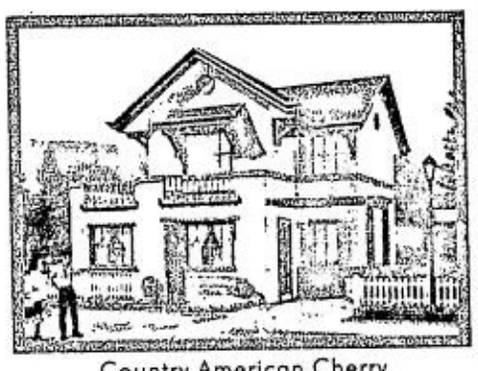

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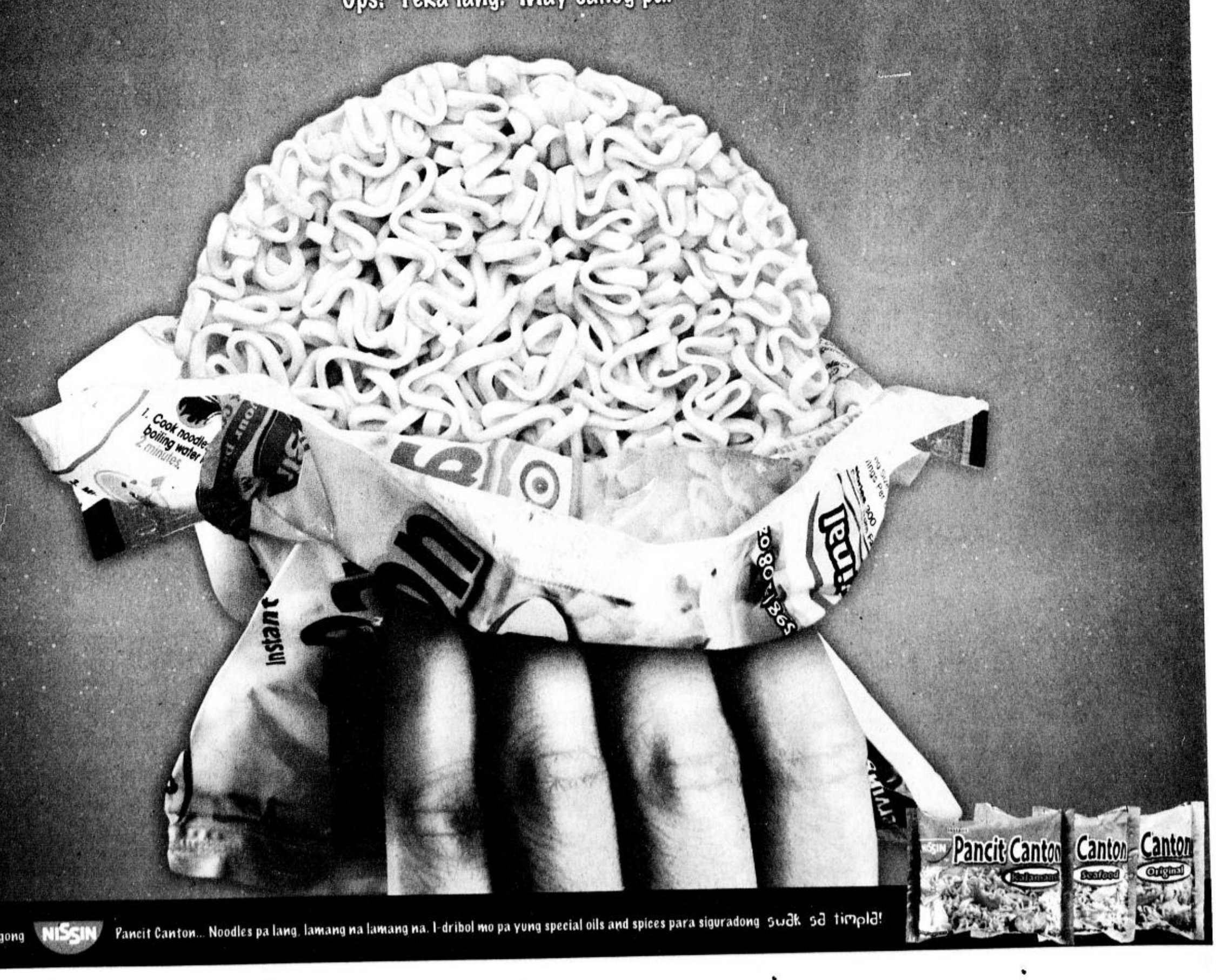

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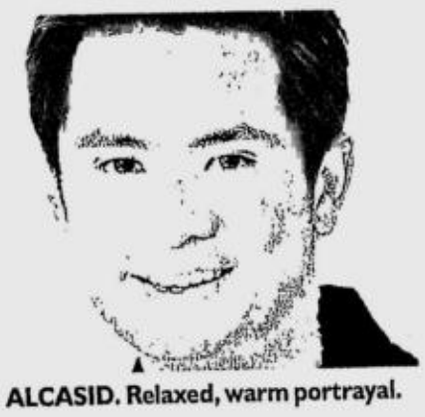
New shows on QTV 11

By Nestor U. Torre

WE'VE BEEN VIEWING SOME OF THE shows that the new QTV 11 has been telecasting since Nov. 11, and can share these preliminary notes on them:

"Moms" is a good show for mothers because it discusses issues, questions and problems related to parenting that are acutely relevant and challenging—What to do when your teen daughter gets pregnant, etc.



ALCASID. Relaxed, warm portrayal.

Plus factor

Another plus factor is the show's thoughtful, articulate guests. In fact, last Nov. 11, some of them were so good that they were even more effective than the program's hosts!

"Fan Jam" has a similarly apt format for this country, because it's a competition for family singing groups. Since Filipinos are very musical, there are many families out there who can give professional entertainers a run for their talent fees.

So, the family groups we saw competing last Saturday were really good. The only problem was their tendency to be old-fashioned in their performance styles. Let's have some updating, shall we? And, younger groups, perhaps?

A sitcom that made its debut last Saturday was "Ay, Robot." Its format is derivative, but the show boasts of the relaxed, warm lead portrayal of Ogie Alcasid.

Ogie plays the father of two daughters who finds a "living doll" (Sam Bumatay), who turns out to be a robot with genie-like powers.

Sadly, Sam isn't very appealing in her role, and Ogie is surrounded by shrill comic types who mug, scream and fight for all they're worth, in a misguided attempt to make the show more "colorful" and "funnier."

Effect

Alas, the effect is quite the opposite, as all that hysterical frenzy ends up as a major turn-off. The show should learn to relax—after all, it already has Ogie Alcasid onboard, and *that's* a major asset for any sitcom.

A fourth QTV 11 show, "Fans Kita," suffers from the same hysteria—only, this time, it's courtesy of its young hosts. They clamber all over each other trying to get a word in edgewise, and the effect is one big mess.

Activities

That really is too bad, because the show's first telecast had a good stellar guest in the person of Jolina Magdangal. The young celebrity and achiever has a wide range of activities and interest that makes for an eventful show, but the young hosts (with the happy exception of the more relaxed and focused Meagan) compromise everything with their rowdy, slum-book "interviewing" style.

Hey, kids, frenzy *isn't* good hosting. Learn the ropes first before you inflict your lack of thought and experience on us poor televiewers.

DIAZ. Leads cast of Curtis Hanson's latest drama.

'In Her Shoes'

CAMERON DIAZ'S LATEST STARRER, "IN Her Shoes," will have its invitational press preview on Nov. 21 at The Podium cinema. In the film, Cameron's character, Maggie, finds meaning in her life when she goes to Florida and finally meets her "long lost" grandmother (Shirley MacLaine). "In Her Shoes" opens on Dec. 7.

MONTAGE

On AXN

The Season Four finale of "The Shield" will be aired at 11 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24.

And "World's Apart," an AXN Exclusive, is telecast every Tuesday at 9 p.m.

'Romulus D'Greyt'

Peta and the Embassy of Switzerland present "Romulus D'Greyt," Jerry Respeto's adaptation of a Friedrich Durenmatt classic, on Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 1-3 at the Peta Theater Center and School (No. 5 Sunnyside Drive, Brgy. Kristong Hari, QC). Call 410-0822. Leads include Dido dela Paz, Lou Veloso, Soxie Topacio and Christian Vasquez.

On Cartoon Network

Everyday at 5 and 8 p.m. from Nov. 28 to Dec. 11, "Coco's Confused Christmas" airs double episodes of "Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends." The most excited imaginary friend is Coco, and she's laying her plastic surprise eggs all over the home. Viewers can help Coco by identifying the gifts contained in the eggs.

'Chronicles of Riddick'

"The Chronicles of Riddick" premieres on Asian TV on HBO at 9 p.m. on Nov. 19. Vin Diesel stars.

Jed Madela

At 5 p.m. today, Jed Madela performs at Robinsons Imus on his "Songs Rediscovered" mall tour.

'Baybayin'

At 6 p.m. today, Ivi Avella-Cosio's "Baybayin" exhibit opens at Avellana Art Gallery (tel. 833-8357) Exhibit will be on view until Dec. 30.

Sandwich

"Road Rocks: Winston on Tour" features the Sandwich band at Club V, Amorsolo, Makati, tonight.

'Art Is Kool'

Starting today, "Art Is Kool" will be telecast on ABC-5 at 2:30 p.m. every Saturday.

Daniel Radcliffe grows up

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Cedric Diggory (Robert Pattinson), the French Beaubaton's Fleur Delacour (Clemence Poesy) and quidditch superstar Viktor Krum (Stanislav Ianevski) from Bulgaria's Durmstrang.

The ensuing action sequences take moviegoers to Rowling's enchanting magical world, where dragons, mermaids, flying horses—not to mention megalomaniac wizards with an axe to grind—are as ubiquitous as loquacious senators with scores to settle.

But, Newell doesn't just pump up the franchise by focusing on the disturbing undercurrents in the narrative that novelist Rowling cooks up. He also manages to focus on the seemingly trivial concerns of our adolescent protagonists and, in the process, draws relevance, humor and sympathy for our unlikely teenage heroes.

Toothsome threesome

Yes, Virginia, the toothsome threesome has grown up—and how! Other than the foreboding presence of Harry's main nemesis, Lord Voldemort (a wispy but appropriately terrifying Ralph Fiennes), Harry, Ron (Rupert Grint), Hermione (Emma Watson) and company have more to worry about: Catty journalists with a flair for sensational news, malice and melodrama; friendship and fraternal jealousy; finding partners for the Yule Ball; teenage crushes and puppy love—and raging hormones! Not to mention a little flesh—courtesy of Harry's skinny-dip in the pool with Moaning Myrtle (Shirley Henderson)!

The life story of Harry may have taken a darker tone ever since Chris Columbus started adapting Rowling's well-loved franchise to the big screen, and the plot does occasionally teeter on the thin and pallid side, but the move of juggling directors has added substance and narrative spark to the erstwhile kiddie franchise.

Two-time Bafta-winning director David Yates has big shoes to fill when he takes over the directorial reins of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." It won't be as easy as winning a game of quidditch, that's for sure!

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Infighting rocks Smart; 2 execs out

Martirez, Lawrence 'retire'

By Clarissa S. Batino

ALL'S NOT WELL AT SMART Communications Inc., the cash cow of telecom giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

A bitter management infighting has forced PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan to fire at least two key officials prior to an expected major revamp next week.

Anastacio Martirez, head of personal communications and mobile services at Smart, and chief financial adviser Peter Lawrence were asked to resign days ago reportedly on continuing differences over financial policies.

In an interview, Martirez denied that he had been fired nor was asked to resign. "A lot of things are going on (in Smart). Two guys from PLDT were spreading that rumor," he said.

But a statement issued yesterday by Smart said that PLDT senior vice president Annabelle Chua would take the place of Lawrence, while PLDT head of retail Menardo Jimenez Jr. would take over Martirez's post. The statement said Jimenez had been designated officer-in-charge of marketing and sales of Smart in place of Martirez.

"A senior officer and a senior adviser have stated their decision to resign from the company for personal reasons. Peter Lawrence, who will retire by June 2006 and Anastacio Martirez who will retire by December 2005," the statement said.

INFIGHTING/ B2

HARDY POTTERS EV ESPIRITU

Just like their predecessors a hundred years ago, potters of Casanglayan village in Vigan churn jars using the traditional potter's wheel. Vigan uses a hard dark clay that makes the jars more durable than terracotta. Sales come mostly from tourists and less from basi or sugar cane producers who use Vigan for their wares.

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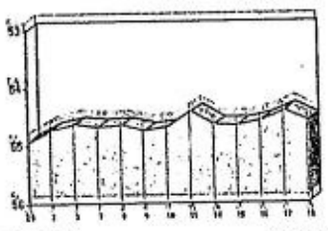

OCTOBER NOVEMBER

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

₱54.59 = $1

As of 5 p.m., Nov. 18, 2005

$1 = ¥119.23

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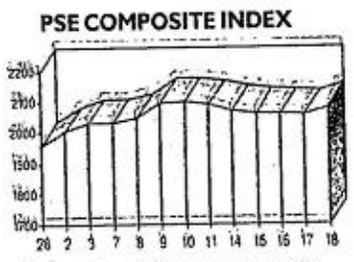

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Shares close 1.16% higher

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 1.16 percent higher yesterday, snapping a five-day losing streak, with investors hopeful of a credit ratings upgrade for the country on its improving fiscal outlook, dealers said.

SHARES/ B5

Gov't debt at ₱3.94T in August

By Michelle V. Remo

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S debt stock stood at P3.94 trillion as of August this year, up by just 0.3 percent from the previous month's level, as the lingering budget-deficit problem forced it to continue borrowing.

Documents from the Department of Finance showed that of the debt figure, P1.84 trillion (or 47 percent) was accounted for by foreign creditors, while P2.1 trillion (or 53 percent) was owed to local lenders.

The government has adopted the policy of borrowing more from domestic sources to limit exposure to foreign exchange risks, which could further bloat the debt figure.

The DOF said the amount of domestic debt in August reflected a 1.2-percent, or P24.77-billion, increase from the July level. This was attributed to the government's net issuance of government securities such as treasury bills and bonds.

The foreign debt figure showed a decline by P14.89 billion. The decrease was attributed to the fact that the government paid more maturing foreign obligations than it borrowed. The amount of net repayments more than offset the P3-billion increase resulting from the peso depreciation (from 56.10 to a dollar as of end July to 56.20 as of end-August).

The national government's contingent liabilities, or loans by state-owned firms that it guaranteed, increased to P607 billion from P606 billion in July. The P1-billion increase resulted mainly from depreciation of the peso.

The DOF also reported that the outstanding public sector debt reached P5.5 trillion as of end-June this year, or 107.9 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

The OPSD is the combined net liabilities of the national government, local government units, social security institutions, and government-owned and -controlled corporations.

The latest OPSD figure was 0.6-percent higher than the end-March level. The DOF said the increase was attributed to higher debts by the national government and state-owned firms. Local government units were the only ones that did not contribute to the increase in public sector debt as they enjoyed surpluses in their budgets.

Ayala, BPI sell 50% stake in Indon insurance company

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

AYALA CORP. AND ITS UNIT, BANK OF THE Philippine Islands (BPI), have sold their combined 50-percent stake in an Indonesian life insurer for $8.2 million.

Sources said the sale of the Ayala group's entire interest in the life insurer was part of "portfolio rationalization" to enable it to focus on core businesses and make efficient use of assets.

The Ayala group was also looking at selling more non-core assets in the future when opportunities arise, sources added.

In separate disclosures, Ayala unit Pameka Holdings Inc. and BPI said that they each sold their 25-percent share in life insurance firm P.T. Asuransi Jiwa Eka Life (Eka Life) to P.T. Sinar Mas Multiartha Tbk for $4.122 million each.

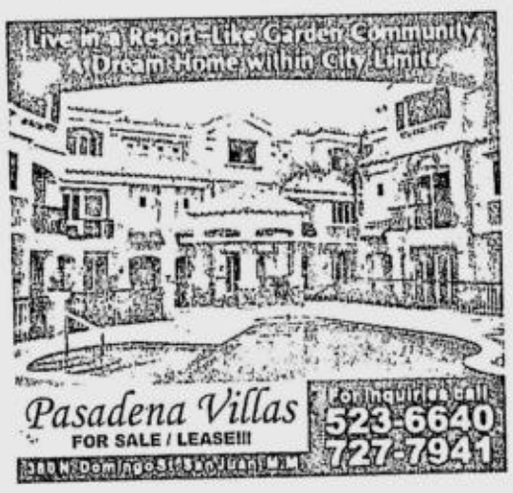
Sinar Mas Multiartha is an Indonesian holding company for the Sinar Mas Group of Companies focusing on the finance sector and primarily engaged in professional services such as multifinance, insurance, capital markets, share administration services, company security and information technology.

Ayala's last major divestment was in 2001 when it raised P7 billion from the sale of its 94-percent stake in Pure Foods Corp. to San Miguel Corp.

The transaction excluded Pure Foods' equity and outstanding advances to Philking (the Burger King franchise operations), MPM Noodles, PT Sinar Pure Foods (tuna operations), and various real estate assets that have been declared as property dividends to PFC stockholders on record as of May 21, 2001.

Ayala ended the first nine months of the year with a stronger balance sheet. Net debt at the parent level was at $556 million as of end-September, down from $642 million at end-2004.

BPI recorded a 20-percent year-on-year increase in net income in the first nine months to P6.3 billion. The bank's total revenue grew 23 percent, underpinned by higher net interest and non-interest income.



Infighting . . . From page B1

"There are no further resignations at the senior management level of Smart," it added.

The stock market caught on the tension gripping the country's biggest telecom firm, sending the price of PLDT down P5 to P1,765 despite a generally upbeat mood in the bourse.

News of Martirez's ouster spread like wildfire in Cebu where the Ad Congress is going on.

The controversy spawned various angles, including the firing of several other Smart and PLDT officials and that their ouster were decided by the Salim group, owners of First Pacific Co. Ltd. that, in turn, owns 24 percent of PLDT. Officials have denied these reports.

"For now, it is just the two who were asked to resign," an INQUIRER source said.

Smart's network suffered a major breakdown on Thursday and some sources suspected that it was also a result of the internal feud.

Martirez is touted as among those instrumental in building Smart into the country's most profitable mobile phone company with 20.8 million customers and more than P20 billion in profit in the first nine months. It also owns 92 percent of Pilipino Telephone Corp.

Martirez's marketing genius is recognized in the industry, but he reportedly could not get along well with his colleagues and even with his boss, Smart president Napoleon Nazareno.

"In the end, MVP had to choose between Martirez and Nazareno, and he chose the latter," according to a Smart insider.

Nazareno met with Pangilinan in Hong Kong last Wednesday. It was the same day that Martirez and Lawrence were asked to resign.

"Boy Martirez and Peter Lawrence have done an exemplary job at Smart and have been a significant part of its tremendous success," Nazareno said in a statement.

"All of us are hugely indebted to their respective contributions and it is only appropriate for us to acknowledge publicly our deep gratitude for their years of invaluable service," he added.

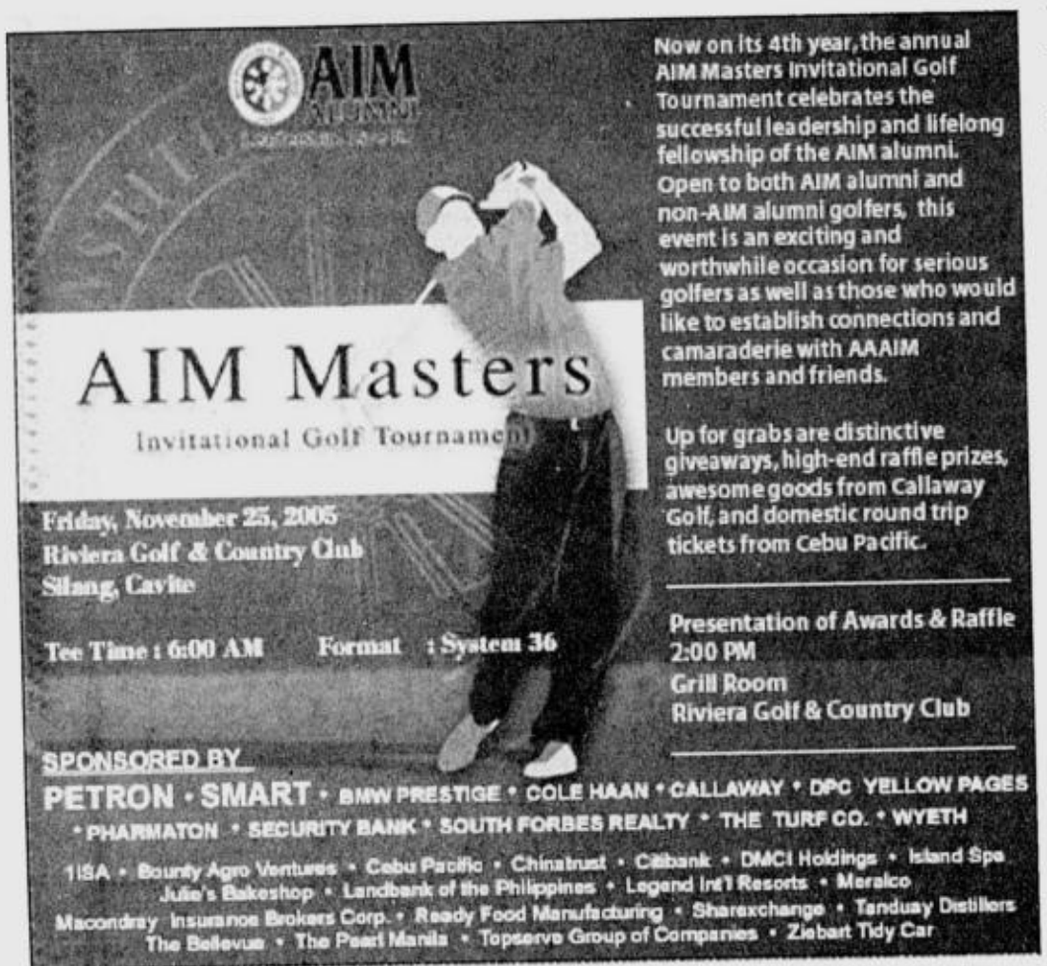
The names of Smart's head of legal Rogelio Quevedo and ePLDT president Rey Espinosa were also being dragged into the controversy. Some sources said they faced the same fate as Martirez and Lawrence.

But sources said Espino and Quevedo were just being dragged as a smokescreen by parties linked to either Martirez or Lawrence.

Other sources said Smart's problem was much deeper than just a simple financial tug-of-war between the two camps.

A source said that there were worrying signs of a governance breakdown related to accounting, which had been detected by a foreign shareholder of PLDT. This shareholder is reportedly pressing management to take some action.

Key officials were huddled in meetings yesterday, which insiders said, would continue over the weekend to resolve the issue. "We hope that over the weekend, we could make some sense out of this madness," an official added.



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(As of November 18, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	3.65	3.8	3.65	3.8	4,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	33.5	34	33.5	33.5	285,800
Bank of the Phil. Islands	57	60	57	60	1,334,500
China Banking Corp.	605	610	605	610	1,030
Chinatrust Comm. Bank	20	20	20	20	900
Citystate Savings Bank	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	600
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	1,500,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	52.5	52.5	52.5	52.5	212,000
International Exch. Bank	20.75	21.25	20.75	21.25	97,400
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	29.5	30	29.5	30	675,100
Philippine National Bank	29.5	30	29.5	29.5	100,200
Phil. Savings Bank	34	34	34	34	500
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13	13	12.5	13	12,000
Security Bank Corp.	34.5	35.5	34.5	35.5	566,600
Union Bank of the Phil.	31	31	30.5	31	17,800
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
First Metro Invest. Corp.	24.75	25	24.5	25	1,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	3055	3055	3050	3055	1,110
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	223,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2085	2090	2085	2090	8,370
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	2,720,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	715	735	710	730	220,510
Ipeople Inc.	2.8	2.95	2.8	2.9	349,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.05	0.05	0.047	0.05	13,800,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.0525	0.0525	0.05	0.0525	6,100,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	1.38	1.66	1.38	1.66	12,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	2,019,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1760	1765	1760	1765	138,100
Ivantage Corp.	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	250,000
Philweb Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.016	69,300,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	14.25	14.25	14	14	17,000
Manila Electric Co. B	22.25	22.5	22.25	22.25	449,000
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.7	4,166,000
Petron Corp.	4.15	4.25	4.15	4.25	10,398,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.97	0.99	0.97	0.99	50,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.84	1.88	1.84	1.88	190,000
Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	30,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.2	1,060,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.63	0.69	0.63	0.67	8,500,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	255,000
Republic Cement Corp.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	50,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	600,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	27	27.5	26	26	73,200
Jollibee Foods Corp.	38.5	38.5	38	38	418,400
Pancake House Inc.	3.55	3.55	3.5	3.55	265,000
San Miguel Corp. A	64	65	64	65	72,200
Phil Tob Flue Cur & Redry	9	10	9	10	2,000
Universal Robina Corp.	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75	5,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	310,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0075	0.0075	0.007	0.0075	86,000,000
Ayala Corp.	315	322.5	315	320	471,950
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	100,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5	5	5	5	225,000
Ajo Net Holdings Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	2,000,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.18	2.18	2.16	2.16	40,000
APC Group Inc.	0.225	0.245	0.22	0.245	2,660,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	10,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	820,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.3	15,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	600,000
Banpres Holdings Corp.	1.12	1.14	1.1	1.1	4,776,000
A Brown Co. Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	170,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.185	0.185	250,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.27	3,720,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.3	3.4	3.25	3.3	4,345,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	6,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	48	48.5	48	48	539,400
Global Equities Inc.	0.0675	0.0675	0.0675	0.0675	200,000
Ionics Inc.	1.12	1.12	1.1	1.1	230,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.75	3.75	3.65	3.65	692,000
Keppel Holdings B	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.96	9,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.68	1.7	1.68	1.68	317,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	100,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.34	1.34	1.3	1.3	6,825,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.35	0.37	0.35	0.36	14,260,000
Paxys, Inc.	5.8	6.1	5.8	6.1	4,186,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	600,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	6,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	19,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	1,400,000
Sm Investments Corp.	248	252.5	247	250	206,980
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	4,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	2,800,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.135	0.135	0.125	0.125	8,580,000
Wellex Industries, Inc.	0.115	0.115	0.115	0.115	20,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	72,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	200,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	100,000
Panasonic Mfg Phil Corp.	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	5,000
Pryce Corp.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	300,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.99	1.02	0.99	1.02	14,070,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	20,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	265,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.32	3,800,000
Philippine Racing Club	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	28,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp.(Pdr)	13	13.25	13	13	941,300
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	300
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	24,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.5	6,999,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	40,000
C&P Homes Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	3,500,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.22	0.225	0.22	0.225	110,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.43	10,080,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.44	1.46	1.42	1.44	3,771,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	4,590,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.48	0.5	0.48	0.5	1,970,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6,000
Phil Realty And Holdings	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	100,000
SM Development Corp.	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	43,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.4	6,898,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	200,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	10,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.8	625,000
Benguet Corp. A	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	5,000
Benguet Corp. B	35	35	35	35	1,500
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	53,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.225	0.225	0.215	0.215	9,360,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.245	0.245	0.245	0.245	4,160,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	132,500,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.027	0.028	0.027	0.028	100,300,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.18	1.18	1.14	1.16	1,136,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.36	1.38	1.34	1.36	3,738,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	27	29	27	27.5	2,957,400
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	100,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	5,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	51,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	20,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	70,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	24,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.145	0.15	0.145	0.145	8,900,000

9-month sales of pre-need companies down 44%

SALES OF PRE-NEED COMPANIES fell 61.8 percent to P1.2 billion in September from P3.3 billion in the same month last year.

From January to September, sales were down 44.2 percent to P16 billion from P28.7 billion in the same period last year.

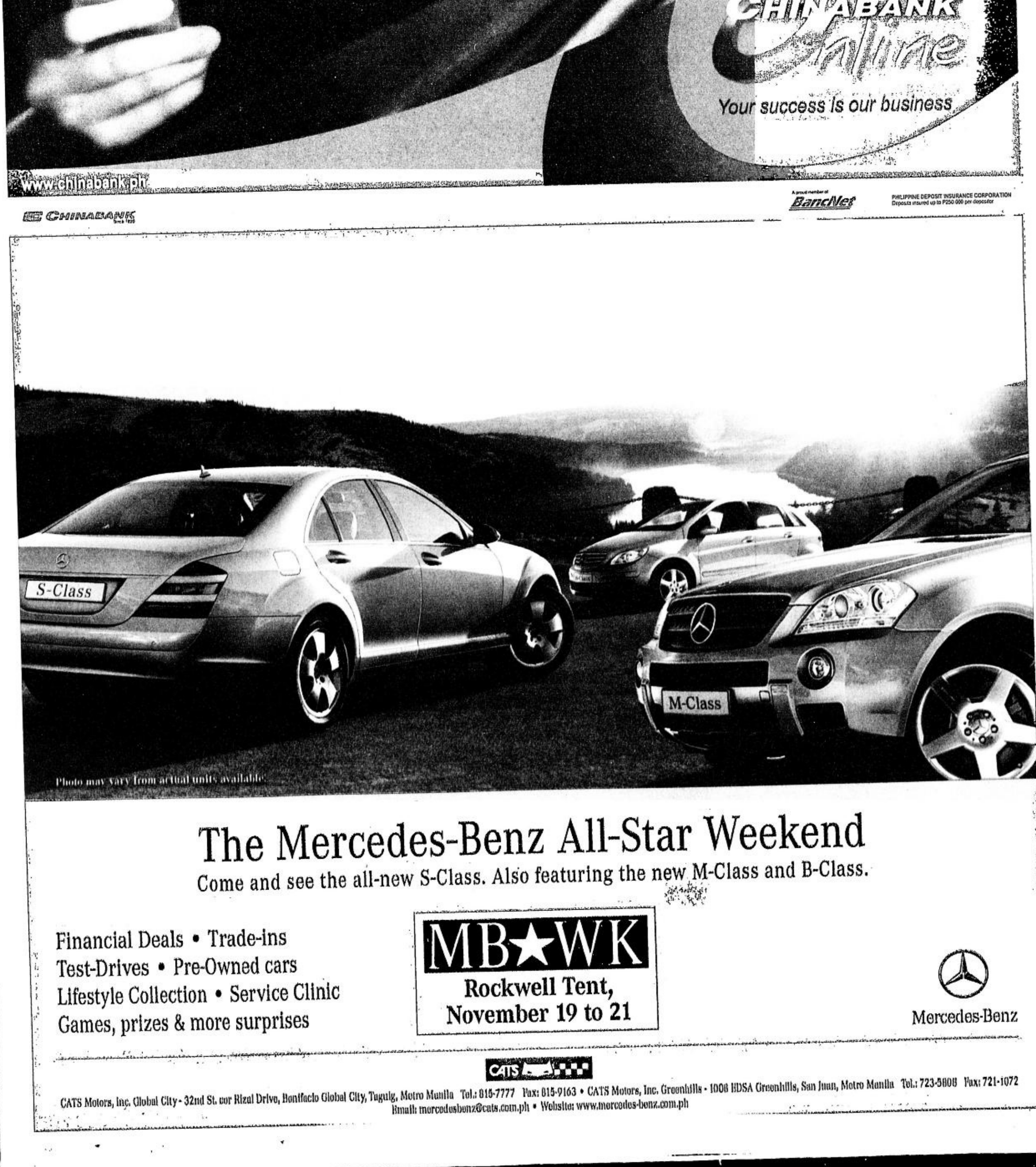
For September, education plans led the decline, shrinking by 69 percent to P367.9 million from P1.2 billion in the same month in 2004. Life plans also dropped 58 percent to P233 million while pension plans slipped 57.4 percent to P643.2 million.

In the nine-month period, sales of education plans fell 54.2 percent to P4.75 billion while pension plans contracted by 47.6 percent to P8.22 billion.

Life plans managed to buck the industry's sluggishness as it grew 15 percent from January to September to P3.1 billion. *Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

CURRENCIES

November 18, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.850412	1.000000	54.4310
Japan	Yen	0.007165	0.008425	0.4586
United Kingdom	Pound	1.462879	1.720200	93.6322
Hongkong	Dollar	0.109687	0.128981	7.0206
Switzerland	Franc	0.645915	0.759532	41.3421
Canada	Dollar	0.716378	0.842389	45.8521
Singapore	Dollar	0.500449	0.588478	32.0314
Australia	Dollar	0.623287	0.732923	39.8937
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.256335	2.653224	144.4176
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.226771	0.266660	14.5146
Brunei	Dollar	0.498980	0.586751	31.9374
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000085	0.000100	0.0054
Thailand	Baht	0.020666	0.024301	1.3227
UAE	Dirham	0.231543	0.272272	14.8200
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.175900	64.0054
Argentina	Peso	0.288765	0.339559	18.4825
Brazil	Real	0.389205	0.457666	24.9112
Denmark	Kroner	0.134101	0.157689	8.5832
India	Rupee	0.018621	0.021896	1.1918
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.225018	0.264599	14.4024
Mexico	New Peso	0.079873	0.093923	5.1123
New Zealand	Dollar	0.582953	0.685495	37.3122
South Africa	Rand	0.126433	0.148672	8.0924
Korea	Won	0.000822	0.000967	0.0526
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025318	0.029772	1.6205



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BOI approves tax perks for housing developer

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS APproved tax perks for two mass housing projects in Cavite worth P102.6 million.

Fiscal and non-fiscal incentives for Property Company of Friends Inc. (Pro-Friends) was granted after the BOI registered Laguna Property Holdings Inc.'s (LPHI) four new projects worth P250.7 million.

Data from the BOI showed that Mandaluyong City-based Pro-Friends was laying out P78.7 million for its Villa de Alyssa project in Imus, Cavite.

Pro-Friends in also investing P23.9 million in another project called Chesapeake Village, also in Imus.

The two subdivisions were on top of two earlier projects registered with the BOI last year—the Kinnari Village project and the California West Hills development worth a combined P101.5 million.

Non-pioneer status for Pro-Friends' investments entitles the firm to a four-year tax holiday.

Also, LPHI plans to build Phases 1 and 2 of its P78.6-million Villa St. Cecilia in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

The two phases would have a combined 262 units, which would be offered to residents and employees of Metro Manila and surrounding provinces, and overseas Filipino workers.

LPHI is also putting up the P55.2-million Phase 2 of its Sta. Isabel Village project in Lucena City for the middle-income residents and employees of the city and nearby towns in Quezon.

A third LPHI project is the P47.4-million Phase 2 of the firm's San Francisco Village subdivision in Naga City for the middle-income residents of the city and adjacent town in Camarines Sur.

The fourth LPHI project is the P69.5-million Phase 3 of the Sta. Catalina Village project in Dasmariñas, Cavite, for Metro Manila residents and surrounding provinces, particularly OFWs, professionals and management-level employees.

Pro-Friends' and LPHI's investments are expected to create a total of 1,048 new jobs.

RP continues to rely on coal for fuel

By Abigail L. Ho

COAL-FIRED POWER GENERATION MAY BE shunned in some parts of the world, but here in the country, more such plants may be put up in the future as reliance on the fuel remains high in the region.

During the Asean Forum on Coal last Thursday, Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla said that, in the coming years, coal would continue to be a major source of power for the country, the region and the world.

"The projection is that the world will continue to source 35-39 percent of electricity from coal, the Asean 63.5 percent, and the Philippines 25 percent," Lotilla said. "All projections show that coal (use) will continue to grow."

Given this reality, the challenge now for proponents of such projects is to meet environmental standards through the introduction of clean coal technologies, Lotilla said.

In the Philippines, for example, US-based Headwaters Technology Innovation Group is in the process of establishing a plant that will liquefy coal and turn it into other forms of fuel.

"We have been exploring coal liquefaction, but that remains expensive," Lotilla said. "We really have to think of things for the long term."

Right now, coal will continue to be used in power generation while minimizing its effect on the environment, he said.

Kepco Philippines Corp.'s proposed 200-megawatt (MW) power plant in Naga, Cebu, for example, will be using circulating fluidized bed technology instead of pulverized coal, he said.

This is cleaner than existing technology, Lotilla explained.

But access to such technology, particularly for a developing nation such as the Philippines, is still quite difficult because of high costs, he said.

In this aspect, he said the government would be relying heavily on the private sector.

"The private sector is the one that drives these initiatives. As long as there is demand and there is an appropriate technology to meet the environmental standards of the country, then we will support (coal projects)," he said. "The government will support projects that will provide reliable, continuous and reasonably priced power to our people."

According to Lotilla the government of Caluya, Antique, which hosts the Semirara coal mines, is receptive to having a mine-mouth coal-fired plant built in the area.

A mine-mouth plant is a generation facility built close to a coal source, in this case the Semirara mines. With a facility such as this, coal will not have to be transported to the power generation unit as this is already close enough to the fuel source.

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Lot 7934-C Bo. Lam-An
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L.A.: 897 sqm. F.A.: 353 sqm.
3-E, 3-G, 3-H, Subdivision Rd., Ballesteros Vill., Balangasan Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,824,000.00
LOT 4 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 784 sqm.
Lot No. 9302 Rizal Ave., Balangasan Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 3,293,000.00
LOT 5 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 400 sqm. F.A.: 102 sqm.
5621-C-2-C-1, Nat'l. H-Way, Balintawak
Minimum Bid Price : 380,000.00
LOT 6 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 3,323 sqm.
Lot No. 1-N Banali Rd., Banali
Minimum Bid Price : 1,059,000.00
LOT 7 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 492 sqm.
Lot F-13 Banali Rd., Banali
Minimum Bid Price : 327,000.00
LOT 8 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 662 sqm.
Lot No. 1-B-7 Padap Rd., City Pilot School Site, Padap Rd., Dao
Minimum Bid Price : 440,000.00
LOT 9 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 319 sqm. F.A.: 206 sqm.
Lot No. 9202 Along Alley, Sanson St., Gatas Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 543,000.00
LOT 10 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 480 sqm. F.A.: 169 sqm.
Lot Nos. F-11 & F-12 Sto. Nino-Banali Rd., Lower Banali, Banali
Minimum Bid Price : 1,203,000.00
LOT 11 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 254 sqm.
Lot 3244-C Rizal Ave., Lumbia Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 2,058,000.00
LOT 12 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300 sqm. F.A.: 244 sqm.
Lot Nos. 2 & 3, Blk. 3, Greenland Bldg., Alta Tierra Subb., Napoleon
Minimum Bid Price : 1,021,000.00
LOT 13 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 753 sqm.
Lot D-2-C-3-B-3-B Juan Alano St., Santiago St.
Minimum Bid Price : 6,326,000.00
LOT 14 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 191 sqm. F.A.: 168 sqm.
Lot 3078-A Ariose St., San Francisco Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,451,000.00
LOT 15 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 857 sqm.
Lot 3354 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 729,000.00
LOT 16 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 865 sqm.
Lot 3355 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 736,000.00
LOT 17 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 868 sqm.
Lot 3356 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 738,000.00
LOT 18 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 865 sqm.
Lot 3357 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 736,000.00
LOT 19 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 568 sqm.
Lot 3358 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 387,000.00
LOT 20 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 665 sqm.
Lot 3359 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 566,000.00
LOT 21 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 609 sqm.
Lot 3349 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 415,000.00
LOT 22 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 708 sqm.
Lot 3348 Bonifacio Street Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 602,000.00
LOT 23 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 854 sqm.
Lot 3367 Pajares Ave., Caragay Subd., Pajares Ave., San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 609,000.00
LOT 24 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 684 sqm.
Lot 3360 Bonifacio Extn., San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 582,000.00
LOT 26 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 253 sqm. F.A.: 145 sqm.
Lot 9931 Salazar St., San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,727,000.00
LOT 26 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 16,010 sqm.
Lot 17 Bonifacio St. Extension, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 3,759,000.00
LOT 27 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,070 sqm.
Lot 2722 Corner Bonifacio & Salazar Street, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,873,000.00
LOT 28 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 711 sqm. F.A.: 180 sqm.
Lot 2584-B Corner Broce & Aquino Street, San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,434,000.00
LOT 29 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 995 sqm.
Lot No. 3216-A-6 Sabate St., San Jose Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,418,000.00
LOT 30 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 225 sqm.
Lot D-2-C-3-B-6-D-2-B-1 Ramon Magsaysay St., San Pedro Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,013,000.00
LOT 31 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 485 sqm. F.A.: 454 sqm.
Lot No. 3291 Cor. Magsaysay Ave., & Bana St., San Pedro Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,600,000.00
LOT 32 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 478 sqm. F.A.: 764 sqm.
Lot No. 3290 Cor. Magsaysay Ave., & Bana St., San Pedro Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,767,000.00
LOT 33 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,225 sqm.
Lot Nos. D-2-C-3-B-6-E-2 Bana Compound, San Pedro Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,960,000.00
LOT 34 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,149 sqm.
Lot No. D-2-C-3-B-7 Ramon Magsaysay Ave., San Pedro Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 6,189,000.00
LOT 35 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 168 sqm.
12244 & D-2-C-3-B-3-A Juan Alano St., Santiago Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,764,000.00
LOT 36 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 270 sqm. F.A.: 135 sqm.
Lot Nos. 21-B & 20 Pagadian Townsite Subd., Interior Portion Of Pajares Ave., Santiago Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 416,000.00
LOT 37 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 262 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
Lot 263 Datoc St., Sta. Lucia Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,148,000.00
LOT 38 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 156 sqm.
Lot 983 Gatas Creek, Jamisola St. Ext., Sta. Lucia Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 36,000.00
LOT 39 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 757 sqm.
Lot 3345 Alano St. Extension, Sta. Maria Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 772,000.00
LOT 40 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 314 sqm.
Lot No. 7-C Bana St., Zsnhs Site, Sta. Maria Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 478,000.00
LOT 41 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 392 sqm. F.A.: 84 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 4 Subdivision Rd.; Purok Pagasa, Sta. Nino Dist.
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L.A.: 594 sqm. F.A.: 96 sqm.
Lot No 10, Blk.1 Nat'l Hi-Way, Tuburan Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 892,000.00
LOT 44 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 486 sqm. F.A.: 126 sqm.
Lot No. 67-F-2B & C Prk Lumboy, Tuburan Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 297,000.00
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L.A.: 600 sqm. F.A.: 335 sqm.
Lot No. 63-O-12 Pajares Subd., Tuburan Dist.
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LOT 46 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
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LOT 51 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,124 sqm.
Lot 1466-C Eastern Bobongan
Minimum Bid Price : 42,000.00
LOT 52 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 742 sqm. F.A.: 156 sqm.
Lot 1466-D Eastern Bobongan
Minimum Bid Price : 145,000.00

NAGA
LOT 53 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 2861 & 2859 Aguinaldo
Minimum Bid Price : 122,000.00

MOLAVE
LOT 54 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 429 sqm. F.A.: 270 sqm.
Lot 6768 Gulingan St.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,089,000.00
LOT 55 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 231 sqm. F.A.: 55 sqm.
Lot 6963-A Rrow, Logarda St.
Minimum Bid Price : 164,000.00
LOT 56 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 260 sqm. F.A.: 84 sqm.
7693-A Mabini St.
Minimum Bid Price : 369,000.00
LOT 57 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 519 sqm. F.A.: 55 sqm.
7250, Jose Abad Santos St., Makuglhon
Minimum Bid Price : 230,000.00
LOT 58 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 530 sqm. F.A.: 125 sqm.
Lot 6449 Sda Church Site, R.Magsaysay St., Brgy. Maluloy-On
Minimum Bid Price : 272,000.00
LOT 59 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 232 sqm. F.A.: 66 sqm.
6963-B Legarda St.
Minimum Bid Price : 136,000.00

MAHAYAG
LOT 60 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,500 sqm. F.A.: 857 sqm.
Lot 1 & Lot 2 Subdivision Rd., Bliss Site
Minimum Bid Price : 796,000.00
LOT 61 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,233 sqm.
Lot 10636-A Subdivision Rd., Bliss Site
Minimum Bid Price : 276,000.00
LOT 62 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,012 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
12 Cabili St., Bo. Dao
Minimum Bid Price : 222,000.00
LOT 63 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,299 sqm. F.A.: 122 sqm.
Lot 17 Equivalent To Lot 13104 Cabili St., Dao
Minimum Bid Price : 639,000.00
LOT 64 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 600 sqm. F.A.: 148 sqm.
Lot 3244 Nat'l. Highway, Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 472,000.00
LOT 65 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 599 sqm. F.A.: 70 sqm.
3972-H Salug Daku
Minimum Bid Price : 82,000.00

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LOT 66 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 450 sqm. F.A.: 84 sqm.
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Minimum Bid Price : 157,000.00
LOT 67 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 296 sqm. F.A.: 63 sqm.
Lot No. 27 Brgy. Canigiel
Minimum Bid Price : 173,000.00
LOT 68 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
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Lot 1114-B-4 Sitio Ra...
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LOT 71 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 454 sqm. F.A.: 153 sqm.
Lot No. 9065-H Paglaum
Minimum Bid Price : 828,000.00
LOT 72 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 320 sqm. F.A.: 110 sqm.
Lot No. 5434-K-3-11 Sumanoan St., Paglaum
Minimum Bid Price : 243,000.00

RUUG
LOT 73 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 749 sqm.
Lot 872 Alley, Brgy. Pob., Back Of Buug Mun. Hall
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Philex gets $8.5-M loan for Padcal

THREE LOCAL BANKS HAVE AGREED TO lend $8.5 million to Philex Mining Corp. for the underground development of its Padcal mine in Benguet.

Philex vice president for finance Renato Migriño said banks which agreed to provide the loan are Bank of Commerce, Philippine National Bank and the International Exchange Bank.

Philex has operated the Sto. Tomas II copper-gold deposit at Padcal, Tuba in Benguet province for the past 47 years.

The Padcal mine was the first underground block cave operation in the Far East.

Total ore extracted and processed from start of operation to date amounted to 296.7 million tons as of 2004 with metal production of 824.7 million kilograms of copper, 147 million grams of gold and 163.2 million grams of silver.

The company's exploration strategy in the late 1980s was focused on gold exploration which resulted in the acquisition of gold claims in the country. The company's first gold operation, the Bulawan mine in Negros Occidental, started commercial production in January 1996 until 2002 when the mine was decommissioned and placed on a care and maintenance status.

In July 1996, the company's gold assets, including the Bulawan mine, were spun-off to Philex Gold Philippines, Inc. (PGPI). Through a swap of shares, ownership in PGPI was subsequently transferred to Philex Gold Inc. (PGI), a Canadian subsidiary. PGI was listed in the Toronto Stock Exchange in October 1996 following an initial public offering of shares to primarily North American and European investors. PGI shares are currently listed on the Canadian Venture Exchange. Philex owns 81 percent in Philex Gold.

In 1999, Philex and PGPI entered into separate joint venture arrangements with Anglo American Exploration (Philippines) BV, a subsidiary of Anglo American plc, for the purpose of exploring claims in Benguet as well as those of PGPI in the province of Surigao del Norte.

Elizabeth L. Sanchez

Traders hopeful over '06 prospects

WORKERS KEPT FROM BEING CANNED
Workers place raw fish into tin cans in a Zamboanga City plant. Fishing and canning operators in the southern port city have been thrown a temporary financial lifeline by the government, saving the jobs of about 31,000 people for the time being. AFP

By Michelle V. Remo

LOCAL BUSINESSMEN ARE MORE optimistic about their prospects in the fourth quarter of the year and the first quarter of 2006 due to the expected pickup in economic activity, but they remain cautious about problems related to politics, wages and volatile oil prices.

According to the Business Expectations Survey by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the diffusion index (DI) of the outlook for the fourth quarter of 2005 reached +2.8, while that for the first quarter of next year was at +11.3.

A positive DI means there are more optimists than pessimists among the respondents.

The +2.8 DI for the fourth quarter of the year followed a negative outlook for the third quarter, where the DI stood at –10.4.

BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo explained that the turnaround in outlook from the third to fourth quarter had to do with the expected increase in consumer spending with the Christmas season.

The fourth quarter usually means more remittances from overseas Filipino workers and higher exports.

The positive outlook for the first quarter of next year, meanwhile, could be attributed to the expected higher economic growth next year.

Most bullish among businesses during the period were those belonging to the trade sector, whose DI stood at +17.1 percent. It was followed by industry, with +12, and service with +5.6.

What businesses consider as likely constraints in their operations were pressures for higher wages, prolonged political tension, high oil prices and stiffer competition.

Guinigundo said that with the volatility of oil prices, businesses expect inflation and interest rates to be higher in the first quarter next year. Latest inflation figure was at 7 percent in October.

But the BSP official said businesses expect the peso to appreciate next year.

The survey included 878 samples from the National Capital region, and regions 1, 3, 4, 7, and 11.

Singapore owners of UIC frown on Summit takeover bid

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

SUMMIT TOP INVESTMENTS LTD. OF taipan John Gokongwei, Jr. failed to gain significant support from shareholders of Singapore's United Industrial Corp. (UIC) for its buyout proposal as of yesterday's deadline for its takeover bid for the city state's largest office space landlord.

In light of this development, Summit Top has told the Stock Exchange of Singapore that it is extending the offer's closing date to December 2.

Based on information received by Summit Top, it only received "valid acceptances" of its offer representing 2.9 milion shares or approximately 0.21 percent of UIC as of Nov. 17.

The Summit Group already holds 30 percent of UIC's shares.

Summit's offer has not yet become "unconditional" since it has yet to receive valid acceptances from existing shareholders, in addition to the UIC shares it owns, to reach over 50 percent of the firm's voting rights.

Should Summit succeed in turning its bid "unconditional" by securing approvals of more than 50 percent of UIC shareholders, this would trigger another offer for UIC's office developer Singapore Land at S$5.505 per share.

If acceptances fail to reach 50 percent, Summit's offer will not be accepted.

Summit Top, a wholly-owned subsidiary of JG Summit Philippines offered to buy the rest of UIC's 70 percent at S$1.09 a share after it and another Gokongwei subsidiary, Telegraph Developments Ltd., hiked their combined stakes in the Singaporean firm to 30 percent.

Gokongwei earlier admitted the group would need roughly P33 billion to buy 70 percent of UIC.

Sources had told INQUIRER that the Gokongwei group may fund its takeover of UIC through a combination of internally generated cash and borrowings.

The Gokongwei Group is trying to raise capital and increase the public float of its listed units with the sale of shares in subsidiaries which it claimed are "independent transactions" from its takeover bid for UIC.

Merrill Lynch (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., the financial adviser for the UIC board earlier said Summit's offer to takeover UIC at S$1.09 a share was "not fair".

SRA out to boost supply of raw materials for bio-ethanol fuel

By Abigail L. Ho

IN AN EFFORT TO AUGMENT THE SUPPLY of raw materials for bio-ethanol fuel, the Sugar Regulatory Administration is now exploring the viability of Indian sweet sorghum.

According to Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri, author of the bill on biofuels, it makes sense to plant sweet sorghum here because the crop can produce as much alcohol as sugarcane and may be harvested twice a year.

"(Sweet sorghum) is also drought-resistant and flood-resistant, which means it can be planted in the Negros and South Cotabato areas," Zubiri said. "Unlike sugarcane, sweet sorghum can't be used for any other purpose but to produce ethanol."

Sugarcane can only be harvested once a year. It is mainly used to produce sugar, not ethanol. But there is a chance that when sugar prices go up, producers may opt to produce sugar instead of ethanol. This will then endanger the supply of ethanol.

The House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would pave the way for the widespread use of biofuels, starting with the mandatory mixing of 5 percent of ethanol with gasoline two years upon approval of the law.

The mandatory blend would be jacked up to 10 percent two years after that, should the yet-to-be-created National Biofuels Board recommend it.

The mandatory blending of 10-percent ethanol with gasoline will result in foreign exchange savings of P32 billion a year, Zubiri said, as this would displace 10 percent of oil, which the country imports each year.

The country last year consumed 115.6 million barrels of oil. Zubiri based his savings estimates on consumption volume, oil price of $50 a barrel, and exchange rate of P55 to a greenback.

The bill aims to encourage the entry of new investors in the sector by mandating a wide range of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives.

The fiscal incentives include exemption from tariff duties on the importation of equipment and machinery, as well as a 10-year fixed tax rate for ethanol-blended gasoline.

One of the non-fiscal incentives under the biofuels bill is the classification of all ethanol production and blending investments as "pioneering" or "preferred areas of investment." This entails perks of its own.

Bio-ethanol producers will likewise be granted easier access to financing from the Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank of the Philippines, and the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corp.

The bill also requires the Tariff Commission to create a tariff line for bio-ethanol fuel.

Furniture, construction firms look to Middle East for exports

By Ronnel W. Domingo

LOCAL FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIAL suppliers are looking at the recovery of their exports to the the United Arab Emirates amid the rapid development of three artificial, tourist-oriented islands near Dubai.

According to the Department of Trade and Industry, local builders planned to ride on UAE's construction boom through their participation in this year's Middle East International Furniture, Interior and Retail Design Exhibition or Index.

Touted the largest and most prestigious trade show in the region, Index would be held in Dubai from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

DTI data showed that the firms' performance in the Middle East market has dwindled, with earnings from Index dropping to $3million in 2004 from $18.75 million three years ago.

Seen to drive the local firms' export recovery is the development of The Palm Islands on the coast of Dubai, which began in 2002.

Also called The Palm Dubai and The Palms, the three man-made islands would be the biggest in the world, and are formed in the shape of a date palm tree, complete with a trunk and a crown of fronds plus a surrounding crescent for each island that act as breakwaters.

According to the UAE's Ministry of Information and Culture, each of the islands-Palm Jumeirah, Palm Jebel Ali and Palm Deira-would have luxury hotels, residential villas, water homes, shoreline apartments, marinas, water theme parks, restaurants, shopping malls, sports facilities, health spas, cinemas and diving sites.

Companies joining this year's foray in the Index show are furniture makers Coast Pacific Manufacturing Corp., Designs Ligna, Inc., Furniture Specialists, Inc., Stoneworld Impex, Inc., and Valore Mobili (a division of CPA Muebles International).

Shares close 1.16% higher

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The central bank's decision Thursday to leave interest rates unchanged despite inflation concerns also helped sentiment given recent concerns over higher lending costs.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 23.85 points at 2,079.98 after trading between 2,056.13 and 2,082.46. Volume was 693 million shares worth P1.27 billion.

Gainers led losers 61 to 22, with 46 stocks unchanged.

The government announced Thursday a better-than-expected budget deficit for October and reiterated its commitment to increase the value-added tax rate from Feb. 1 next year.

The central bank then kept interest rates unchanged, having increased them by 75 basis points between April and October this year.

The central bank, however, also said it was not ruling out a further rate increase given prevailing risks to inflation, including a high level of domestic liquidity.

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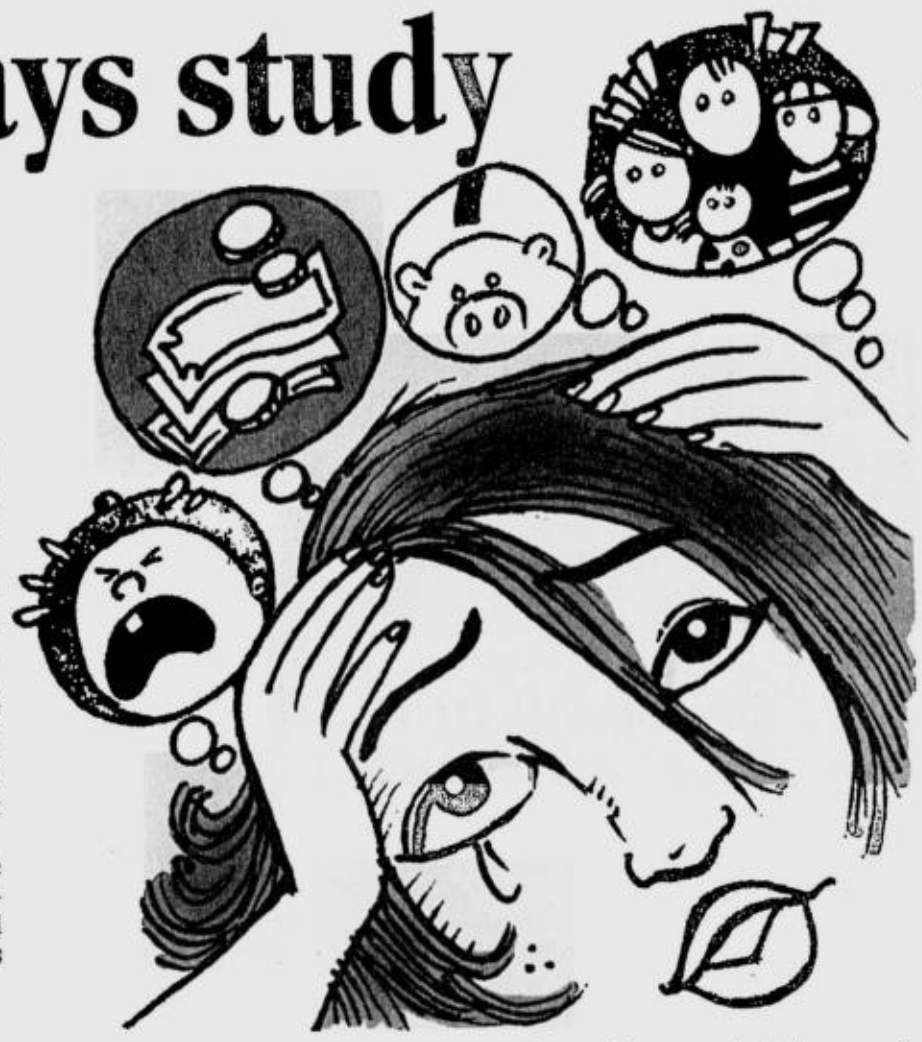
Too many women still resort to abortion, says study



By Stella O. Gonzales

INDUCED ABORTION IS illegal in the Philippines, yet approximately one in five pregnant women makes the desperate choice to undergo an abortion. She faces the risk not only of criminal prosecution but, more likely, of developing complications due to a botched abortion process that could cost her her life.

An updated study on the incidence of abortion in the Philippines showed that the number of abortion cases continues to increase. It said that in 2000, there were 473,408 induced abortions. The figure in 1994, which the study sought to update, was 400,515.

According to the study "The incidence of induced abortion in the Philippines: Current level and recent trends," slightly fewer women were getting hospitalized due to abortion complications.

In 1994, 80,103 abortees were hospitalized; in 2000, the figure was 78,901.

But the researchers—Fatima Juarez, Josefina Caigon, Susheela Singh, Rubina Hussain of the University of the Philippines Population Institute and the Alan Guttmacher Institute—said this slight decrease was likely due to the increased use of safer abortion methods, not a reduction in the number of abortion cases.

Indirect estimation

The figures, released recently and made public in a forum on reproductive justice last week, were based on data from 1,658 hospitals nationwide.

Hospital records do not show whether an abortion is induced or spontaneous, and not all women who have an abortion end up with complications that require hospitalization. So the researchers used an "indirect estimation methodology" to calculate the total number of women hospitalized for complications of induced abortion, the total number of women having abortions, and the rate of induced abortion. It was the same methodology they used in the 1994 study.

The researchers noted that there was a higher likelihood for an abortion to become unsafe when women were forced to resort to clandestine abortion in countries where legal prohibitions existed. They pointed out that data from the Department of Health showed that from 1994 to 1998, abortion complications were consistently the third leading cause of hospital discharges in DOH-retained hospitals.

Refusal to address issue

The Reproductive Rights Resource Group-Philippines (3RG-Phils.) said the figures showed "an appalling public health issue that the government refuses to address."

"The flat out refusal of the current President and most politicians to discuss abortion reflects an aversion to understanding the complexity of the issue. In choosing to wallow in ignorance of the dangers faced by Filipinas, they are perpetuating a situation that places hundreds of thousands of women at risk," the alliance said in a paper.

"The biggest tragedy today is that the Philippine government refuses to participate actively in the discussion and has remained unresponsive to the crisis facing Filipino women," it said.

Unintended pregnancies

To place into context the high incidence of abortions in the Philippines, the researchers calculated the number of unintended pregnancies.

In 1994, 53 percent of pregnancies were unintended, rising slightly to 55 percent in 2000.

They said that in the late 1990s, one in every two married women did not want a child soon or wanted no more children, but was still not using a contraceptive method.

Contraceptive use among married women increased from 40 percent in 1993 to 47.8 percent in 1998, but the researchers noted a heavy reliance on traditional methods.

The increase in use of "traditional" contraceptive methods (like withdrawal and periodic abstinence) was 30.6 percent, compared to modern methods, which only had a 12.8 percent increase.

The researchers pointed out that these traditional methods have higher failure rates than modern methods like sterilization and the pill.

They said the lowest increase in the use of modern methods was registered in Metro Manila. The Visayas even had a decrease in the use of modern methods. In the rest of Luzon, there was an increase of 18.4 percent among modern method users; in Mindanao, the increase was 19.8 percent.

They found it significant that it was also in Metro Manila and the Visayas where the greatest increase in abortion rates was noted.

It was also only in these two areas where there was an increase in the rate of hospitalization due to induced abortions. (In Metro Manila, there was an 11 percent increase; in the Visayas, a 35 percent increase.)

More information

The researchers said providing more contraceptive information and services would bring down the incidence of "unintended" pregnancies and the recourse to abortion.

They said there were deficiencies in family planning services available in the Philippines, and the Catholic Church, which shuns the use of "artificial" contraceptives, was likely to have had a strong influence on the provision of contraceptive services.

Couples should be better educated on the advantages of modern effective contraceptive methods, on their side effects, and on how to minimize the risk of incorrect or inconsistent use of the method, they said.

These efforts must include men, the researchers said. They said the male partner's negative attitude toward family planning and the women's misperceptions about the side effects of methods might be preventing them from practicing contraception.

The researchers also noted that the decentralization of health services most likely contributed to the Filipino women's difficulties in obtaining contraceptive information, services and supplies.

"It is possible that variation in support for family planning services at the local level may partly explain our findings of decreased use of modern contraceptives, increased use of traditional methods and an increased level of induced abortion in some regions," the researchers said.

Some localities have enacted ordinances that prohibit access to contraceptives. In Manila, for example, Mayor Lito Atienza has an executive order that promotes the traditional methods of family planning only and openly discourages modern contraceptive methods.

On the national level, President Macapagal-Arroyo has been pushing for what she calls "natural" family planning methods that are acceptable to the Catholic Church.

Warning up vs birth control patch

THE MAKERS OF A POPULAR BIRTH-control patch warned that the patch delivers significantly higher doses of hormones and may put women at greater risk for blood clots and other serious side effects than previously disclosed.

The warning from Johnson and Johnson subsidiary Ortho McNeil, makers of Ortho Evra, says women using the patch will be exposed to about 60 percent more estrogen than those using typical birth control pills because hormones from patches get into the bloodstream and are removed from the body differently than those from pills.

The Associated Press reported in July that patch users die and suffer blood clots at a rate three times higher than women taking the pill. It also said that about a dozen women, most in their late teens and early 20s, died in 2004 from blood clots believed to be related to the birth-control patch.

Although the patch and most birth-control pills contain the same amounts of estrogen, new studies show that women using the patch absorb about 50 percent more estrogen than with the pill, said Dr. Leslie Miller, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Washington.

The pill is absorbed into the bloodstream through the digestive tract. In the process, about half of the estrogen dose is lost. Hormone levels in women on the pill are highest one or two hours after taking it, Miller said. Twelve hours later, estrogen levels are quite low, meaning the body is not exposed to high levels of estrogen 24 hours a day.

But the patch causes higher estrogen levels since delivery of medication continues all day. Those elevated levels may be high enough to increase some women's risk of blood clots, Miller said.

"If the patch is delivering too much estrogen, then it may need to be redesigned," Miller said. "Women should not just take off their patch because they risk pregnancy. If they are worried and want to change off the patch, they can wait to get something else." *AP*

Decaf coffee may be worse for your heart

DALLAS—DECAFFEINATED COFFEE MAY raise the risk of cardiovascular disease more than regular coffee does, Atlanta investigators announced at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2005 last week.

Dr. H. Robert Superko and his colleagues at the Fuqua Heart Center and the Piedmont-Mercer Center for Health and Learning analyzed the effects of caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee consumption on cardiovascular risk factors in 187 subjects enrolled in a clinical trial known as the Coffee and Lipoprotein Metabolism Study.

The subjects were randomly assigned to one of three groups: noncoffee drinkers, coffee drinkers and decaf drinkers, who drank three to six cups a day for two months.

At the end of the study period, Superko found no significant differences in fasting glucose or insulin (measures used to diagnosis diabetes), total cholesterol, HDL2 (the very good cholesterol) or triglycerides among the three groups.

However, decaf coffee significantly increased free fatty acid levels, which in turn led to an increase in apolipoprotein B that is associated with LDL cholesterol.

"Free fatty acids are like the gasoline that drives a lot of metabolic functions. This is of interest because it is unrelated to caffeine, which many people used to think was the culprit in the coffee heart disease controversy," Superko told Reuters Health.

On the other hand, he noted, caffeinated coffee, but not decaf, increased blood pressure.

"The dose is an important issue," he added, emphasizing that subjects in the study drank between three and six cups a day. "People should not freak out if they drink one or two cups a day."

Reuters

Great Web resources

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

THANK YOU, READERS, FOR ONCE again sharing resources. The following are websites recommended by scientists, students and teachers.

M. Aleah Taboclaon [aleah@astronomy.com.ph] writes: Thank you for mentioning the UP Astronomical Society in your column. I would just like to say that there are a number of Filipino astronomers who are known in the field in the States, among them Edwin Aguirre and Imelda Joson who are both associated with Sky and Telescope, one of the leading astronomical magazines. Aside from having an asteroid named after them, they also have several achievements in astronomy, including a reference book on Halley's comet in 1985.

I would like to inform Filipinos interested in astronomy that there is a local website on the topic: www.astronomy.com.ph. It is a monthly Web magazine that aims to promote awareness in the science, and hopefully awaken the public's interest in astronomy.

The website has the following sections: Astronomer of the Month (profile of a Filipino enthusiast), Amateur Voices (personal essays by Filipinos on their interest in astronomy), Featured Organization, Celestial Profile (detailed explanation of a sky object), Understanding Astronomy, Practical Astronomy ("how-to" articles with observation tips), and Cosmic Shots (photos taken by Filipinos).

The site also has the section "Star Maps" configured for the Philippines. If interested observers want to print out a star map for a certain day, they won't have to worry about it being the wrong one for their observation site (because most published star maps are based in the West). A Sky Calendar lists all celestial phenomena from 2001 to 2010, a column (The Chance Astronomer), and a directory of astronomical organizations locally. Thank you for helping generate interest in the science among Filipinos.

Upside-down images

My former student Reina Reyes reminded me about a classic piece of math fun. Gustave Verbeek was a mathematician and artist who was famous for upside-down images that still made sense. I have used some of his images in seminars for grade school and high school students, and they are always a hit.

Reina advises: "The Upside-downs of Little Lady Lovekins and Old Man Muffaroo" by Verbeek, 1903-1904, are on the site http://members.lycos.nl/amazingart/E/60.html.

Read the panels in order, then turn the image upside down (two 90-degree rotations can be done by an image viewer). Continue the story, reading a new set of captions and taking the same six panels in reverse order. Pretty amazing!

Recommended reading

Another student, Omar Tapang [otapang@bearingpoint.net] says: I am a fan, and I recommend Kenneth Chang's article "In Math, Computers Don't Lie" published in the New York Times on April 6, 2004, at the site www.nytimes.com. The article talks about the controversial proof of the famous Kepler's conjecture, where computers played a big role.

By the way, I came from Ateneo, and I even sat on a lecture you had as a substitute for Dr. Jose Marasigan's calculus class. This was a long time ago, but I still remember how you lectured while Dr. Flor Francisco drew on the board. I think the topic was polar coordinates.

Links of interest

Vicky Go [maria_victoria_go@roche.com], who works for Hoffmann-La Roche in New Jersey, lists her favorite math sites.

The website of the National Math Honor Society (Pi Mu Epsilon): www.pme-math.org.

Math humor: www.math.utah.edu/~cherk/mathjokes html

Math puzzles: www.math.utah.edu/~cherk/puzzles.html

Polyhedra puzzles (more complicated): http://gfm.cii.fc.ul.pt/Members/JR.en.html

More resources: http://mathworld.wolfram.com.

E-mail the author at blessbook@yahoo.com.

A different learning approach for children

By Charles E. Buban

CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILities are not really disabled, their brains are just "wired" differently.

According to Dr. Mel Levine, professor of pediatrics and director of the Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina, there is still an unacknowledged fact that children have different individual learning patterns.

"Each child has a unique mind that learns differently, and we just have to recognize it," said Levine who was in Manila for a series of conferences organized by Wyeth Philippines Inc. for teachers, parents and educators.

Telling a student he is learning disabled or has attention deficit disorder is not very helpful, said Levine, who is cofounder of the nonprofit institute All Kinds of Minds.

As an alternative, Levine suggests highlighting a child's specific strengths and weaknesses, a process he calls "demystification" wherein learning specialists, psychologists and pediatricians give recommendations on how to manage a child's learning and on interventions that parents can share with teachers.

"Schools and parents share the job of ensuring the healthy growth of a child's vital neurodevelopmental functions," said Levine.

He sorted these functions into eight systems: attention control, memory, language, spatial ordering, sequential ordering, motor, higher thinking and social thinking.

Levine advised parents and teachers to realize that a system deteriorates drastically when it is underutilized. To accomplish the desired results in a child, it is very important that each of these systems be used constantly and in harmony with each other.

Framework

The All Kinds of Minds Institute was founded in 1995 to apply the latest neurodevelopmental research to the understanding and management of differences in learning. It is working in the United States to provide parents with assessment techniques and is training classroom teachers how to help kids with learning differences.

"The institute provides families and teachers with a framework, a common language and tools to enable this large needy and highly vulnerable segment of schoolchildren become more successful learners," said Levine.

Lack of info on viral hepa B still pervades in Asia Pacific

By Cesar D. Mangawang

MAJORITY OF PAtients in Southeast Asia do not know much about their disease even though they have been living with the disease.

This is one of the findings of the survey conducted from November to December in 2004 in 10 Asian countries to learn more about how patients with chronic hepatitis B viewed their condition, its treatment and its impact on their lives.

Chronic hepatitis B could lead to cirrhosis of liver, liver cancer and even death. Experts say that even though chronic hepatitis B infection is difficult to be completely cured, sustained viral suppression can be achieved through appropriate treatment.

According to the latest survey, 87 percent of patients with chronic hepatitis B in Asia Pacific did not know very much about the disease at the time they were diagnosed. About 89 percent had no idea they were infected with the disease even if a close member of the family was known to have the disease.

DR. LEUNG

Chronic hepatitis B is the most common serious liver infection in the world. More than two billion people alive today have been infected with the virus and between 10 and 30 million new infections occur each year. Of the estimated 360 million people who have chronic infection, more than three quarters (78 percent or 281 million) reside in Asia Pacific.

About 10 percent of the adult population in Hong Kong (some 500,000) are chronic hepatitis B carriers. Of these, 23 percent have the active disease and their risk of developing liver cancer is 300 times higher than a normal person.

Dr. Nancy Leung, founding chair of Asiahep and Asiahep Hong Kong, recently revealed the survey results to media practitioners at The Excelsior, Hong Kong.

Said Dr. Leung: Chronic hepatitis B can seriously damage your health without you knowing. The survey results showed that we need to put more focus on educating the public in Asia Pacific about the disease, and provide patients with a very realistic treatment goal of this disease."

Other key results

Public awareness of chronic hepatitis B is very low in Asia.

• The public awareness of chronic hepatitis B in Vietnam is the lowest (74 percent) in Asia.

• Only 13 percent in the region knew a "great deal" or at least an "average amount."

• Most respondents (89 percent) had no idea they were infected with the hepatitis B virus even when close family member was known to have the disease.

• On average, more than half of the patients who suspected they might have had chronic hepatitis B did not seek immediate medical attention.

Even years after diagnosis, many patients are uninformed about chronic hepatitis B.

• One-third of the patients in the region (31 percent) are not as informed as they think even after living with the disease for a number of years.

• A high percentage (72 percent) of patients in Asia could not correctly identify the correct route of transmission of the virus that causes hepatitis.

• Exactly 42 percent of patients did not know how they personally contracted the hepatitis B virus.

• Singapore had the highest percentage of patients who did not know their infection route of chronic hepatitis B in Asia.

• Patients in Asia often had unrealistic treatment goals. "Complete recovery" or "cure of chronic hepatitis B" was among the top three treatment objectives cited by patients in almost all countries in Asia.

The 10 countries included in the survey are Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China and the Philippines.

Frequent dining out can harm children's health

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

DALLAS, TEXAS—IF WE THINK we're showing our children love and affection by frequently dining out with them, we should think twice. We may be exposing them to a higher risk of developing heart disease.

A paper presented in the ongoing scientific sessions of the American Heart Association in this city showed that children who ate at restaurants four or more times per week developed a higher cardiovascular risk than children who ate out less frequently.

Karen Olson of the Cardiovascular Research and Education Foundation in Wisconsin, reported that these children were found to have significantly higher average blood pressure, lower levels of HDL-cholesterol (good cholesterol), and a higher level of LDL-cholesterol, which is of the small dense type, proven to be highly atherogenic and capable of occluding the body's arteries.

Children who frequently dined out also had lower insulin sensitivity scores making them prone to develop diabetes.

Olson's study included 621 elementary students residing in Wausau, Wisconsin. They were asked to fill out diet and exercise surveys. Twenty percent ate out frequently. Lunches eaten in the school cafeteria was not considered as eating out.

The weight or body mass index did not differ significantly between the two groups of children, but the children in the frequently dining-out group were found to have an overall higher intake of food containing starch, sugar, sodium, fat and cholesterol. Excessive intake of these food components is deemed unhealthy.

Children who ate out frequently were also found to be significantly less active, spending an average of 3.6 hours of their waking time daily doing nothing.

Unhealthy lifestyle

Olson and the other investigators stressed that the differences in the two groups could not be solely attributed to their frequent eating out. It's likely that the children who ate out frequently had an entirely different lifestyle, which is speculated to be less healthy than those who ate out less frequently.

We're in the fast food era and it's well known that many items sold in fast-food restaurants contain a lot of trans-fats that can have disastrous effects on the cardiovascular system in the long-term. Coupled with other unhealthy lifestyle practices, this is a sure-fire formula for a cardiovascular disaster.

This could be the reason heart attack and stroke patients are getting younger and younger over the years. There was a time when only middle-aged adults and the elderly developed cardiovascular complications. Today, we're seeing more and more patients in their 20s or early 30s being rushed to emergency rooms.

The study by Olson's group is by no means conclusive. Further large-scale studies need to be done to validate their observations. But definitely, this should be a wakeup call for parents and healthcare givers to look more closely on the health habits of children. We should dismiss the notion that children can still afford to eat unhealthy foods because their blood vessels don't get occluded. Nothing can be further from the truth.

Singapore medical treatment benefits up at Cebu convention

ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP LIVer transplant experts will discuss with Filipino doctors the benefits of medical treatment in Singapore, Asia's leading medical destination, particularly for liver disease patients who face difficulties in finding cadaveric livers for transplant during an upcoming convention in Cebu City this month.

At the same time, Dr. Tan Kai Chah will talk about the most recent procedures in the area of Living Donor Liver Transplant (LDLT) during the mid-year convention of the Philippine Society of Gastroenterology to be held at the Waterfront Hotel and Casino in Lahug, Cebu City, on Nov. 24-26.

Dr. Tan is currently the consultant surgeon at the Asian Centre for Liver Disease and Transplantation (ACLDT) at Gleneagles Hospital, one of the three acute-care tertiary hospitals in Singapore owned by the Parkway Group Healthcare, the largest private healthcare group in Asia. The Parkway Group owns two other elite hospitals in Singapore—the East Shore and Mount Elizabeth Hospitals.

In the Philippines, the group recently opened the Parkway Healthcare Medical Referral Center at the Medical Plaza Makati where Filipinos with liver ailments and other major medical problems can seek free consultations on medical services and arrangements for possible treatment in Singapore. Telephone inquiries are entertained at 751-8225 and 27.

During his Cebu visit, Dr. Tan will hold separate meetings and discussions with leading liver doctors in the Philippines about Gleneagles Hospital's LDLT program, regarded as the brightest hope for patients in need of liver transplant in the Asian region.

"Today, patients with end-stage liver disease have more choices than to wait, sometimes indefinitely, for cadaveric donors. The hope lies in LDKT," he added.

The ACLDT at Gleneagles is the first private medical center in Asia dedicated to the treatment of all types of liver diseases, from pediatric to adult patients. It comprises a liver intensive care unit to complement a highly successful liver transplant program.

It was at the Gleneagles Hospital's ACLDT where Dr. KC Tan performed the first successful adult-adult living donor liver transplant in Southeast Asia.

What wakes baby up during the night?

FIVE OUT OF 10 FILIPINO BABIES undergo more than one diaper change during the night.

And there are six times more Filipino babies waking up in the middle of the night because of skin wetness than because of a more typical disturbance factor such as noise.

These are among the findings of a recent baby sleep survey conducted by Pampers which polled 300 moms in the Philippines with babies up to 3 years old. In an effort to understand more the importance of sleep to baby development, the Pampers sleep survey was also conducted in other parts of the Asean region.

How long do babies sleep?

It depends on their ages, but a newborn may sleep as much as 16 hours a day often in stretches of three to four hours at a time. Wherever they were born, babies spend most of their time sleeping to enable them to grow properly and get enough rest so they'd be cheerful and active the next morning.

With the baby sleeping most of the day, here are some useful findings from the Pampers sleep survey in the Philippines that will surely interest new moms:

• All Filipino mothers surveyed believe that a peaceful night's sleep is important for their babies, with 88 percent of them saying that a baby's "physical, mental and social development is the No. 1 one reason peaceful sleep is important."

• The most common characterization that the baby slept well through the night is "baby not waking up in the middle of the night." Mothers will go to great lengths to avoid the slightest disturbance to their babies' sleep.

• Six out of 10 Filipino babies or 61 percent wake up in the middle of the night, but six times more babies are roused from sleep because of skin wetness than because of a more typical disturbance factor like noise.

• Changing a baby's diaper is among the top five things Filipino mothers would do to ensure their babies sleep well through the night besides making their beds comfortable, feeding them, ensuring quiet surroundings and giving baby bath/sponge bath.

• The practice of changing diapers may help babies sleep well through the night, but more than one diaper change can become a nuisance to sleeping babies.

• Of the babies who are changed twice or thrice during the night, 58 percent actually wake up on the second diaper-changing and 55 percent on the third.

• What can help babies sleep better according to eight out of 10 Filipino moms or 84 percent, is a type of diaper which can remain dry long enough. For these nurturers, making their wards sleep on diapers that can remain dry overnight is as important to their sleep as preparing a comfortable bed or a quiet room to sleep in.

As diapers clearly play a crucial factor in ensuring that babies get undisturbed sleep especially at night, a mom's choice of diaper can make a difference on how peaceful a baby sleeps through the night and how cheerful he wakes up in the morning.

(Pampers is sponsoring a symposium on baby sleep on Nov. 23 at the Ayala Museum.)

Activa Parkinson's control therapy now in Philippines

THE LATEST CONTROL THERAPY LATEST CONtrol therapy for Parkinson's disease is now available in the Philippines through the Philippine Movement Disorder Surgery Center (PhilMove) at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center in San Juan.

The Activa Parkinson's Control Therapy, a deep brain stimulation therapy, has been proven to significantly suppress Parkinson's symptoms like tremors, rigidity, slowness, lack of movement and poor balance in patients.

Thousands of people throughout the world have already benefited from the procedure. It has been available in Europe, Canada and Australia since 1995 and in the United States since 1997.

Pioneered by PhilMove

In the Philippines, the Activa Parkinson's Control Therapy is pioneered by PhilMove, a team of medical experts in neurology and neurosurgery.

While it does not cure Parkinson's (no cure has yet been discovered for the disease), the Activa Parkinson's Control Therapy safely and noticeably suppresses many of the primary symptoms of the disease through a mild electrical stimulation to an area of the brain called the Subthalamic Nucleus (STN). The electrical impulses originate from an impulse generator implanted just underneath the collar bone.

The appearance of the major symptoms of Parkinson's disease is attributed to abnormalities in structures deep within the brain. One of them is the substantia nigra.

Lack of dopamine

In Parkinson's disease, cells in this structure die, failing to produce dopamine, a chemical essential for controlling normal movement and muscle function. Two brain structures adversely affected by the loss of dopamine are the subthalamic nucleus (STN) and the globus pallidus (GP).

Without normal amounts of dopamine, these two structures affect the motor circuit by virtually slowing it down—and thus the symptoms of Parkinson's disease appear. When nerve signals in either the STN or GP are modulated by mild electrical stimulation such as that from the Activa Parkinson's Control Therapy, the abnormal brain signals are essentially blocked and more normal movement and function are facilitated.

The Activa Parkinson's Control Therapy can treat bilateral symptoms with a single implanted impulse generator (Kinetra). It is also adjustable according to the patient's needs.

For inquiries about the Activa Control Therapy, please call the Philippine Movement Disorder Surgery Center at (632) 726-0776.

Young Filipino nurse finds her place under the sun

IN SPITE OF ALL THE COMFORTS HER NEW life has given her, the Philippines is still where the heart is for Mary Francis "Cheska" Tariga, a 24-year-old Filipino nurse who now works at the Maryvale Hospital Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

Cheska believes in maintaining a healthy balance between her love of country and her love of a new found home. Yes, the old home is always in her heart, but somewhere under the sun is a new place that gives her the luxury and freedom of acquiring the best that life can offer. That place for her is Arizona!

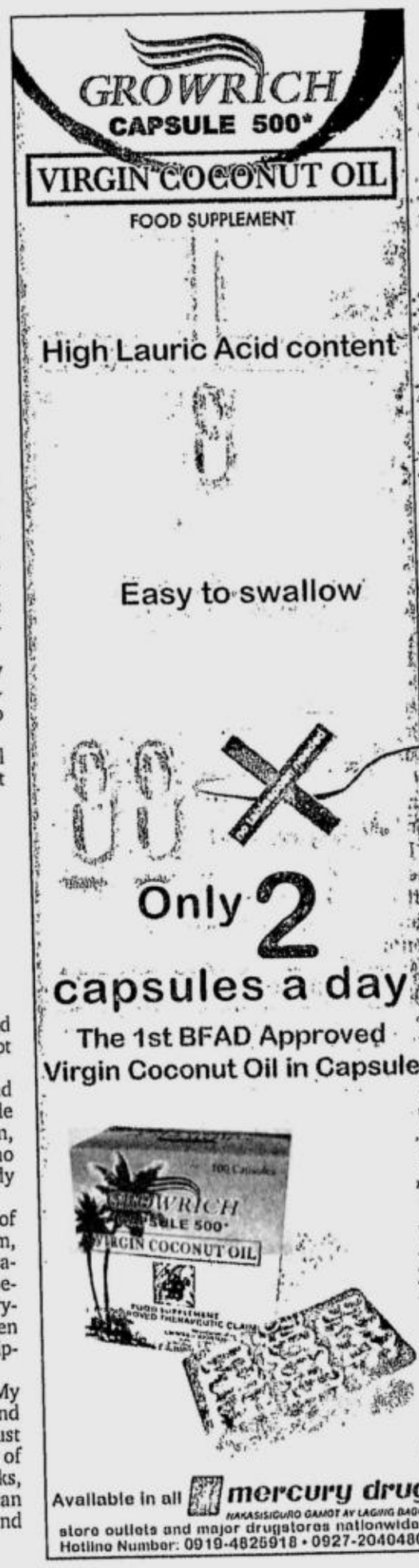
She recalls she was a new graduate who was bent on riding a big airplane that would take her to new horizons, when she walked through the doors of HCCA International, 33rd floor, Enterprise Center, Ayala Avenue.

Says Cheska: "I was fresh out of UST when I walked into HCCA and had no idea how much work it was going to take to get prepared for the US. But the people there were kind, helpful and very knowledgeable about what I had to do. It was difficult because I did not have enough experience but HCCA had a great deal of patience. They made sure I got the experience and showed me how to capitalize on my education and adapt my skills and knowledge for America."

HCCA's Joseph Gilinsky, vice president and managing director for Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions, a tall good-looking American, who is a very strong advocate of the Filipino nurse, recalls Cheska's efforts in getting ready for her assignment.

It could be said that the early success of Cheska is basically because she had the dream, the drive and the "tools" to achieve her aspirations. As young as she is, she has already become a charge nurse in Telemetry at the Maryvale Hospital Medical Center and she has been tapped to be the spokesperson for the Philippine Nurses Association in Arizona.

"I receive so much respect as a nurse. My self-confidence has grown in leaps and bounds because people listen to me and trust me. I am now comfortable in the company of professionals," she says. Her youthful looks, however, sometimes confuses her American patients. Cheska is the daughter of Jose and Patricia of Manila.



A true Red Cross worker

Message of the Chairman

PATCHES OF CATASTROPHES HIT THE PHILIPPINES ON different months throughout the past year. These calamities add up to the burden of suffering that our countrymen have already been experiencing. Poverty is one of the factors that contribute to the nation's meager resources for basic survival and that hamper the people's opportunity for a better life. Forces of nature is an unexpected factor that bring trying times to the people. It is trite that the Filipino people have each other to depend on in times of need. And the Filipino people has never been alone.

We, the PNRC, are a vital conduit for entities that want to reciprocate to people the influx of growth in their institutions. This year, a generous sum of donation was distributed to people who are in need.

It is essential for a task to be done correctly; and there is no better way of doing it than having enough knowledge necessary to perform the job. It is important that our staff and volunteers are given sufficient training. What is impeccable is that highly competent trainers who underwent rigorous training ensured the quality of the staff and volunteers who graduated from the courses instructed. The acquisition of propet skills and correct training will enable our volunteers and staff to do their work efficiently.

Our unceasing efforts are carried on throughout the year with an even more strengthened six major services namely Community, Health, and Nursing Services, Disaster Management Services, National Blood Services, Safety Services, Social Services, and Red Cross youth. These arms were especially empowered through intensive trainings and seminars to have a better clasp of embracing people who are in need.

It has been a tumultuous closing for the year when disasters struck the country in December. But for every crisis that the Filipino people face, the PNRC has always been a fortress living by its dedication to alleviating human suffering. This is the light that we have been living with and it is the same light that we want to share to everyone in pursuit of a brighter future; in pursuit of a radiating Philippines.

Mabuhay ang Pilipino!

By Raquel P. Gomez

WITH ALL HIS EXPERIENCES in helping people during disasters and catastrophes that this country perennially faces, Senator Richard Gordon, chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, says he could already write a book on the subject of disaster management alone.

Think of the major disasters this country has had in the past several years and Gordon is a prominent figure in handling the order, rule or logistics in the disaster management--either he was on top of a building helping put out a fire, directing the evacuation of residents minutes before a lahar avalanche, getting a person out of a collapsed building caused by an earthquake, or bringing a very sick person from a farm via a chopper to Makati Medical Center in Manila.

The most recent event where the gutsy Gordon figured was the rescue of the four fishermen who got lost in the sea for two weeks. He was called by radio station DZRH to inform him of the missing fishermen. Immediately, he called the US Embassy, until he reached the Pacific military commander, who sent out a military plane that helped in finding the exact location of the fishermen.

As Chairman of the PNRC, Gordon says both disaster and danger are part and parcel of the kind of life a Red Cross worker lives. But beyond the rescuing, the giving of help, the saving of lives--being in the Red Cross means the building of character as well.

A true Red Cross worker, says Gordon, is about having the courage to face difficulties, ability to change and be better, and to continue the values of the organization.

"Being a Red Cross worker means you need to have the courage to meet hardships, disasters, terrorist attacks, earthquakes, fire, typhoons. You need to change and upgrade to be able to save more lives and alleviate more suffering. You need to continue to grow and continue the values of Red Cross."

"Red Cross is really more than giving. It gives you self worth. It defines who you are. It's giving without counting the cost."

Gordon was elected Chairman of the PNRC in 2003. He was also elected member of the governing board of the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement in the IFRC's general assembly held in Seoul, Korea.

As a trademark of his character to always make better whatever post he leads, Gordon has began the modernization of the 58-year-old PNRC.

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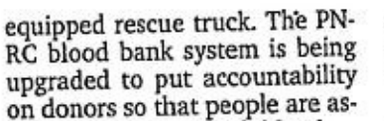

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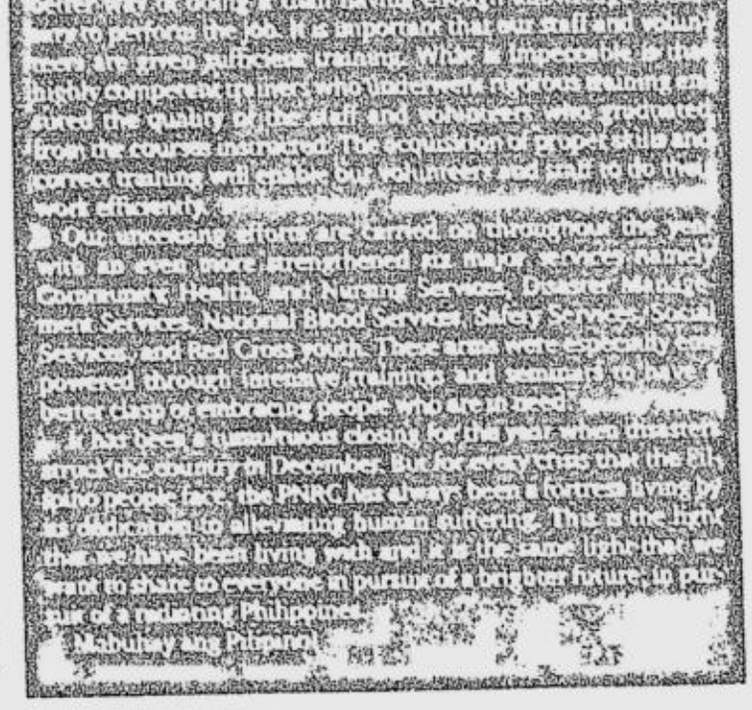

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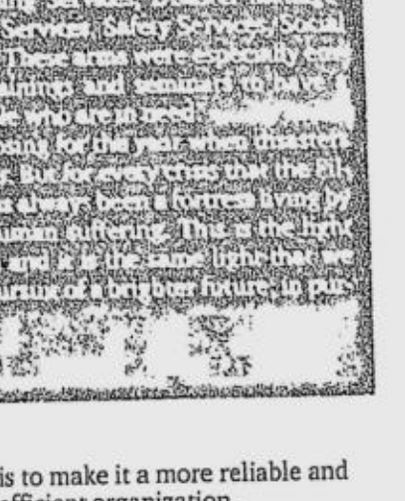

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We, the PNRC, are a vital conduit for entities that want to reciprocate to people the influx of growth in their institutions. This year, a generous sum of donation was distributed to people who are in need.

It is essential for a task to be done correctly; and there is no better way of doing it than having enough knowledge necessary to perform the job. It is important that our staff and volunteers are given sufficient training. What is impeccable is that highly competent trainers who underwent rigorous training ensured the quality of the staff and volunteers who graduated from the courses instructed. The acquisition of proper skills and correct training will enable our volunteers and staff to do their work efficiently.

Our unceasing efforts are carried on throughout the year with an even more strengthened six major services namely Community, Health, and Nursing Services, Disaster Management Services, National Blood Services, Safety Services, Social Services, and Red Cross youth. These arms were especially empowered through intensive trainings and seminars to have a better clasp of embracing people who are in need.

It has been a tumultuous closing for the year when disasters struck the country in December. But for every crisis that the Filipino people face, the PNRC has always been a fortress living by its dedication to alleviating human suffering. This is the light that we have been living with and it is the same light that we want to share to everyone in pursuit of a brighter future; in pursuit of a radiating Philippines.

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Responding to local needs

MOTHER and child happily received gifts and food packs in Infanta, Quezon

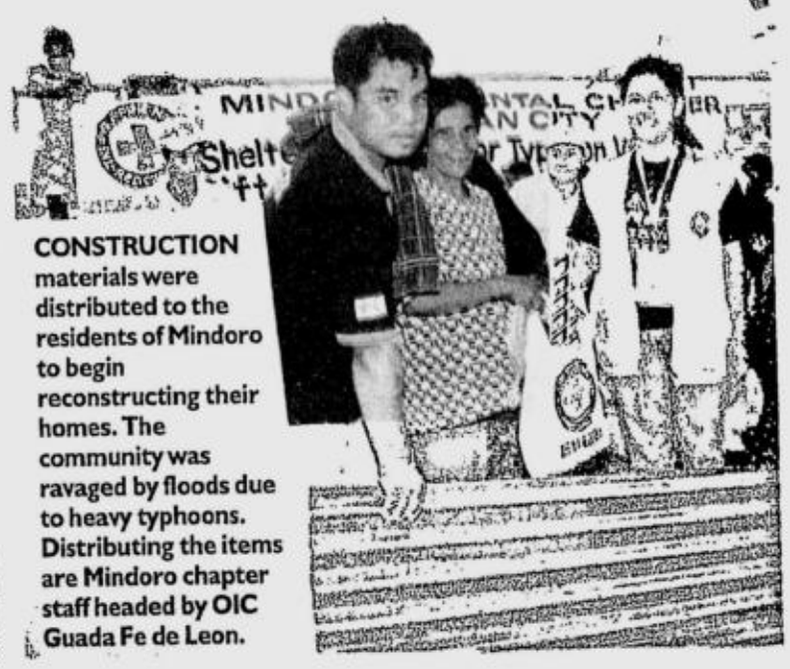
FARMERS from Real, Infanta, Quezon receive agricultural starter farming activities in the aftermath of typhoons that ravaged the province. Distributing the kits are Spanish Red Cross delegate Enrique Llop, Agencia Española de Cooperacion Internacional representative Brigida Elizalde and Chairman Gordon

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS Chairman Richard Gordon led the distribution of emergency relief and rehabilitation goods to 60,000 distressed families in the 13 provinces most affected by the typhoons by the typhoons that hit the country late last year.

A succession of typhoons hit and devastated the towns of Infanta, Real, and General Nakar in Quezon, Baler, Aurora and Palayan in Palawan. The 13 provinces most affected by the typhoons were Aurora, Quezon, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Mindoro Oriental, Nueva Ecija, Quirino, Kalinga, Isabela, Cagayan, Bulacan and Camarines Norte.

Immediately after the typhoons, the PNRC mobilized its chapters in the relief distribution. A total of 60,000 families were reached in the 13 provinces and were given relief packages consisting of food, household starter kits, shelter materials and agricultural tools.

IFRC head of delegation Floyd Bernaby, Chairman Gordon, Bongabon Mayor Amelia Gamilia and Board Member Edward Joson (from left) distribute household starter kits during the launch of the PNRC Rehabilitation Project in Nueva Ecija on March 6, 2005



CONSTRUCTION materials were distributed to the residents of Mindoro to begin reconstructing their homes. The community was ravaged by floods due to heavy typhoons. Distributing the items are Mindoro chapter staff headed by OIC Guada Fe de Leon.

Helping humanity the Red Cross Way

The Philippine National Red Cross, founded on the vision of becoming a premier humanitarian organization responding to the needs of the most vulnerable, has established a number of the most effective services that are aimed at helping a great number of people in desperate times of need.

Blood Service

As one of the main organizations in the country that provides blood, PNRC Blood Services has the task of providing safe and healthy blood by advocating and promoting voluntary blood donation.

In its efforts to boost the supply of blood, the Blood Services strongly encourages everyone to donate blood. In 2004, 1,137 donor recruitment sessions were conducted and were attended by 58, 807 donors.

The educational campaign and information drive for voluntary blood donation proved to be a success as it increased the number of donors on record from 23,442 to 32,114, accounting for 24.04 percent of the blood collection.

There were 24,468 people who volunteered in the mass blood typing projects organized by the Blood Services to identify potential donors.

In cooperation with the National Service Training Program (NSTP), a total of 27 classes were conducted as an optional part of the curriculum of the 1st year students.

A total of 1,995 mass blood donations were held all over the country, made possible by the support of the Red Cross chapters and various groups and 133,578 bags of blood were collected.

As a whole, there were 78,280 patients served from 894 hospitals and clinics; 4,374 units of blood and 889 components served directly to 43 hospitals which constituted 3.86 percent of total units released.

Nursing and Training

Under the Nursing Education Training, the Community Health and Nursing Service (CHNS) continually displays a systematic effort of educating people of various ages and mobilizing them in response to different types of disasters.

Through the Nursing Affiliation Training, and the participation of the barangays and the chapter itself, nursing students from different schools were exposed to massive training, which provides a field overview.

A number of student and professional nurses who underwent Basic Disaster Training taught self-reliance to communities under the CHNS Nursing Affiliation.

Individuals of various age groups were trained under Basic Health Education and Promotion. Home Nursing Courses and a Care Giver Program were handed over to 375 students.

Four new Chapter Service Representative (CSR) - CHNS were trained during the CHNS Annual Technical Training.

The CHNS Project Development and Management Support conducted public information, trainings and screenings of various blood donors to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS. Four hundred fifty street children were also served by CHNS who provided them with adequate system knowledge and appropriate measures of preventing the occurrence of the problem.

Social Service

Social Services continue to give its unprejudiced attention to the military, detainees, women and other significant sectors of the community through its outreach programs and projects in 2004.

One of the services extended by the PNRC Military Welfare Service Unit to the military patients, their watchers and civilian employees were the of skills training and other livelihood programs.

In 2004, there were 698 individuals who benefited from the Family Visit Program.

One hundred forty six women clients were served at the Crisis Center, where they were given welfare services such as temporary shelter/custody, home life management counseling, spiritual enhancement/renewal, individual casework, group work and skills development trainings.

The Psychological Support Program called Critical Incident Stress Debriefing trained facilitators of the Social Services Department. On the other hand, a Disaster Management Course produced 382 graduates.

Social Services also provided direct service to disaster victims and relatives. One hundred ten survivors of the landslide in Punta and San Francisco, Southern Leyte, 257 relatives of the Superferry 14 Tragedy, 85 survivors of the Palawan Fire, and 2,533 survivors of Typhoon Winnie and Yoyong in Baler, Aurora, Real, Infanta and Nakar, Quezon were helped by the department.

Safety Service

Public Information serves as the key to forewarning the public about the perils anyone may encounter in everyday living.

A total of 110, 472 individuals were certified graduates of First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Aquatic Lifesaving and other safety and basic rescue courses. These people are more than ready to face any emergency or unexpected incidences that require medical assistance or rescue.

Proper knowledge and preparedness allowed the Emergency Rescue Team (ERT) to respond to the WG&A Super Ferry sea tragedy in February. Staff and volunteers were dispatched and fielded after the typhoons Unding, Winnie and Yoyong in the relief operations that followed.

Teams were also dispatched during the demolition in Maestraza, Intramuros and the Hacienda Luisita Labor Strike in Tarlac. Safety Services also put up first aid stations in a number of places during important seasons of the year like Lent, and summer vacation.

These first aid stations were also present at the Philippine Racing Club in Sta. Ana, Manila and the WOW Pinoy Caravan.

Lectures, demonstrations and interviews that featured safety tips were conducted on major television stations such as ABS-CBN 2, GMA 7, and RPN 9, IBC 13, ANC, Studio 23 and radio stations such as DZMM, DZME and Radio Veritas among others.

Red Cross Youth

With currently 1,758,788 members Red Cross Youth (RCY) ensures quality of help by having even more committed members specially trained, undeniably identified as good Filipino RCY, and intensified to face and embrace the world.

On January 11-19, 2004, RCY supported the leadership Trainers Training (LTT) of the Red Cross Palawan Chapter, an event that produced 12 dedicated youth volunteers.

The Basic Leadership Training conducted by RCY Trainers reached a remarkable number of communities and schools from the metropolis of Quezon City to the suburbs of Valenzuela City, from the far flung province of Benguet to the ends of the Philippines in Tawi-Tawi.

A total of 19, 609 youth members attended the various Drug Abuse Prevention education (DAPE) sessions, which RCY conducted in collaboration with the Dangerous Drugs Board and other organizations like the Philippine Association of Management Accountants (PAMA), Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and BAIPHIL who is responsible for the funding of several symposiums of DAPE. Moreover, a total of 11,981 youth members attended the HIV/AIDS Preventive Education (HAPE) sessions this year.

On April 25-30, Supercamp Philippines 2004 was successfully conducted at Camp Atilano, Pasonaca Park, Zamboanga City.

Through the mutual efforts of the Board of Governors, the Chapter Board of Director of Zamboanga City and the RCY volunteers, the camp was attended by 400 target participants.

In October of 2004, in celebration of the RCY Month, the department trained eight Chapter Service Representatives-Red Cross Youth (CSR-RCY) in the chapters of of Bacolod City, Cotabato, 110-110, Marinduque, Quezon City, and Bohol.

.The CSRs were oriented and trained using the newly revised modules of the RCY manual that focuses on Youth Volunteer Orientation Course, Leadership Formation Course, the Basic Leadership Training and Organization Strategy Training.

International Friendship Project (IFP) is a new endeavor being done implemented by the RCY where, through the Japanese Red Cross Society's Fund, financial assistance, school supplies and sports equipments are given to deserving schools.

The Japanese Red Cross conducted its annual JRC International Youth Exchange Program and two qualified RCY members and one staff personnel were lucky to be selected from the many applicants of the said program.

The Thai Red Cross Youth Bureau Director and staff visited the PNRC last August 9-14, 2004 with the purpose of to gather information and to observe RCY activities.

Eight RCY members flew to Thailand to attend the 9th Asia Pacific Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth Gathering and were recognized as the best delegation among the different Red Cross Societies.

Fund Generation

The year is a milestone for the Fund Generation Department. The Millennium Partnership Program, launched by PNRC Chairman Richard J. Gordon, that provided an opportunity for responsible corporations to live out their corporate social responsibilities.

In 2004, the program was able to raise P5,001,135.00 from millennium partners 8M Shoemart Inc., Metrobank Foundation, Shell Philippines Exploration, BV., Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, and Philip Morris Philippines Inc.

New corporate donors were gained the department was able to raise approximately P926,587.25.

The total generated from membership campaign amounted to P60,327,715.

A total amount of P20,843,379.77 represents expenses for premium remittances to Malayan Insurance Co., Inc., the underwriter of PNRC for five years and other operating expenses.

Volunteer Service

The total number of 141,300 registered and active adult volunteers proved their unconditional service to humanity by assisting the national headquarters and chapters in policy-making, delivery of major services, and fund-raising activities.

The Communications Department works doubly hard to continuously promote public awareness and support on the significance of the Philippine National Red Cross' (PNRC) humanitarian works through effective and efficient communication strategies.

The different international and local conferences/meetings, as well as other special events undertaken by the Red Cross (such as PNRC Anniversary, World Red Cross Day and IHl month) were made known to the public by regular news and photo releases in the national dailies and through radio plugs, television interviews and posting of stories on the PNRC and IFRC website.

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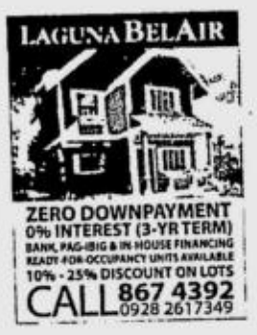

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His remains lie in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels in Sucat. Interment will be on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 after the Mass at 10 am.

The families of PURIFICACION LATOJA and Dra. TERESITA TAVU-ESTABILLO (Rollie, Matthew & Lawrence Estabillo)

deeply grieve the passing of

Judge DOROTEA AMPARO CUARTERO

who peacefully joined her Creator on November 17, 2005 at the age of 86.

Their grief is shared by her brothers and sisters : **Alexander, Maximo, Panfilo** (†), **Miguel** (†), **Consuelo** (†) and **Leonila** (†)

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Readers are requested to pray for the eternal repose of her soul. Her remains lie in state at Funeraria Nacional, Araneta Ave., Quezon City. Her mortal remains will be cremated on Nov. 22, 2005 after the 7:30 AM celebration of Holy Mass.

MARCELINO CALABIA BACOD

of San Pablo, Laguna

passed away in the grace of our Lord on November 13, 2005 at the age of 84.

His bereaved wife, **Lourdes P. Bacod**; children: **Bendie** & **Baby**, **Wina**, **Auer**, and **Manuel** & **Precy**; grandchildren: **Nicky, Elaine** and **Vincent**; and relatives request the pious readers to pray for his eternal peace.

His body lies in state at their ancestral home at Bgy. San Francisco, San Pablo City. Interment is set today, November 19, 2005 at the San Pablo Cemetery, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church.

Jaime "Jimmy" Palo Dee

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Peacefully joined our Lord on November 15, 2005 at the age of 52.

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His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz Chapel 17 (Pentecost) Recto Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Interment will be on November 20, 2005 at 10:00 AM at Eternal Garden Memorial Park.

PEDRO REYES BERNARDO

of Hagonoy, Bulacan and New Manila, Q.C.

Peacefully joined his Creator on November 16, 2005 at the age of 86.

His loving wife, **Belen**; children **Marisa** & **Manny Sibal, Jojo** & **Diding, Monch** & **Mary, Peter, Lito** & **Abie**; grandchildren **Clara, Noel** & **Ernesto Sibal, PJ** & **Jem, Bernadette, Maribel, Isabella** & **Jose Maria**; siblings **Arturo** (†), **Felipe** (†), **Juliana, Virgilio, Santiago** (†), **Alejandra, Antonio** (†) and **Paula**; brothers and sisters-in-law and relatives request the pious readers to pray for his eternal rest and everlasting peace.

His remains lie in state at **Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave., Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.**

Interment will be on **November 20, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.** after the **11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass.**

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We join his wife **Lurceli (Celing)**; children **Dr. Jerry & Jojie, Sonny & Grace, Carol & Jun, Eric** and **Edmund**; grandchildren **Micky, Kariel, Ryan, Maui, Angela, Nigel, Nathan, Felicia** and **Theo**; sister **Adelina** and brother **Paquito**; in-laws **Dr. Ben** & **Dra. Mely Lee** and **Elvira**; nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends, in their prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Santos residence, 557 V. Mauricio St., Turo, Bocaue, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Sunday, November 20, 2005 at the Krus sa Wawa Memorial Park, Bocaue after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martin of Tours Parish Church.

Our Dearly Beloved Dad

PEDRO ADRIAN REYES NACU, JR.

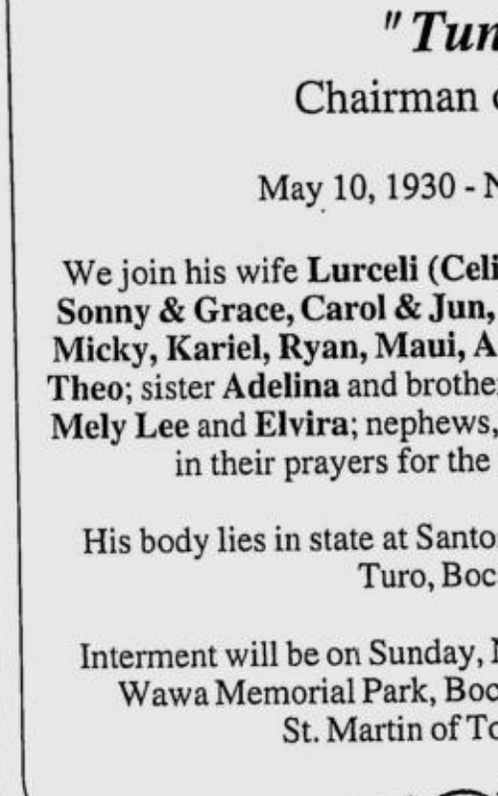
Peacefully joined his wife ESTELA and his Creator on November 17, 2005 at the age of 82.

His children **ARANZAZU, FREDESWINDA** and **AMANTE, YOLANDA** and **DAMASO, NEPTHALI** and **JOSEPHINE, EXPEDITO** and **TERESITA, DIVINA-AMOR** and **ALBERT, ERWIN-HEINZ, WILHELM-GEORGE** and **DEBBIE ANN**, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the NACIONAL MEMORIAL HOMES G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City (Chapel 2-C)

Final rites to be held on Sunday, November 20, 2005.
Cremation will be on November 21, 2005.
Additional information to be announced later.

Lovingly Remembered, Sadly Missed...



Our Dearly Beloved

Fermina 'Nena' Argosino Hornilla

On her First Death Anniversary on November 19, 2005

Her husband, **Salvador**, together with their children and grandchildren, request relatives, friends, and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

To commemorate this occasion, masses and novenas have been offered in the following churches –

Nov. 11 to 19, 2005	6:00 a.m.	Novena at Theotokos Shrine, Carcar Cebu
Nov. 18, 2005	6:00 p.m.	San Fernando Cathedral, Lucena City
Nov. 19, 2005	6:15 a.m.	Basilica Immaculada Concepcion, Batangas City
	7:00 a.m.	St. Mary Euphrasia Parish, Batangas City
	7:00 a.m.	National Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Makati City
	7:30 a.m	Christ The King Parish, Filinvest II, Quezon City
	8:00 a.m.	St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church, Chino Hills, CA, USA
	8:15 a.m.	St. Viator's Catholic Church, Las Vegas NV, USA
	9:00 a.m.	St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Babylon NY, USA
	9:30 a.m.	Batangas Floral Garden, Batangas City
	5:30 p.m.	St. Francis Xavier Parish, Nasugbu, Batangas
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Family Chapel, Mintcor Townhomes, Muntinlupa City

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"Your Love and Generosity touched many lives."

ARTURO "Bebot" BAJADO

Was called home to the Lord on November 13, 2005 at the age of 59.

He shall be missed by his dearest wife **MERLIE**; children **BRYAN, HONEY**, and **JAY-R**; brothers and sisters, cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren and friends.

His remains lie in state at the: Cosmopolitan Memorial Chapels, Camus Extension corner J. Abad Santos Street, Davao City.

Interment: November 22, 2005 at the Davao Memorial Park after the 2:00 pm Mass at the Assumption Church, Torres Street, Davao City.

Mailing address : #91 Narra Street, Palm Village, Obrero, Davao City.

Tel. No.: (082) 221-2943 — 0917-7001817

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

CRISTINA DE JESUS MARIÑAS

Peacefully joined the Lord on November 17, 2005 at the age of 77.

She will be most missed by her beloved husband **FELIX**; children **GELLY, VICKY, BAIBEE, EDY, RENE, BOYET, CHITO**, (†)**FERRET, ELI, CELY**, (†)**JUNIE, NOEL**, daughters-in-law & sons-in-law; & most specially all her grand children, relatives, employees & friends and by all of us who were given the grace to know & love her.

Interment will be today, Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Villa Anunciata Family Musoleum, Boso Boso, Antipolo City at 2 pm. For details, call 0917-5273376.

3Com simplifies deployment of wireless mobility

3COM CORP RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A new enterprise-class wireless mobility solution that simplifies the complexity of deploying secure wireless connectivity at branch and remote offices. The new solution, which features a wireless switch and managed access points, enables business users with laptop computers to securely access information databases, e-mail and the Internet with the speed and efficiency needed for a mobile workforce.

Enterprises with branch offices, as well as schools, universities, healthcare institutions and government-run public access locations, can use the 3Com branch office wireless products to continue evolving their networks on the path to unified wired/wireless networks with superior security and RF (radio frequency) management. Today, 3Com delivers secure converged solutions that integrate an advanced form of secure wireless roaming, rogue detection and RF management technology into existing wired networks without disruption.

"3Com is one of the very few major vendors that can supply both wired and wireless products for enterprise customers to advance their networks," said Aaron Vance, senior analyst, Synergy Research Group. "The combination of wireless and wired networks, coupled with strong security and convergence applications, will become increasingly important to enterprises of all sizes, as these technologies continue to become more prominent in the workplace."

As a company, 3Com is committed to delivering open standards-based solutions, consistent with its enterprise strategy that spans from headquarters to remote offices of any company that has between hundreds and tens of thousands of employees worldwide. Complementing and enhancing existing networks, 3Com solutions provide multi-vendor access point support and integration into a wireless mobility domain. Specifically, 3Com's wireless switch system supports models of Cisco access points and Proxim access points. This approach is beneficial for customers, who can now leverage their existing access points from these other vendors and want to re-deploy them as part of a wireless switching system.

"We help enterprise customers maintain investment protection, which is a key benefit of open standards-based support," said Rohit Mehra, director of enterprise wireless at 3Com. "We develop our wireless solutions along the lines of converging telephony and security over wireless and wired networks. By extending our wireless switch-based mobility systems to branch and remote offices, we are giving customers the benefits of wireless switching similar to the wireless capabilities of a headquarters office, yet without the higher cost or higher degree of complexity."

The new products that are the cornerstone of the branch/remote office solution are the following:

3Com WXR100 Remote Office Wireless LAN Switch. The WXR100 wireless switch has a Web Quick Start function that allows small office installations to be up and running without needing more complex configuration tools often needed with other vendors' products. It supports one to three managed access points per site and can be "drop-shipped" to branch offices or remote sites with no preconfiguration needed. The product also provides quality of service for delay-sensitive IP traffic through WiFi Multi-media (WMM), offers Power over Ethernet (PoE) and provides secure remote administration from centralized IT administration via the Wireless Switch Manager application at the central site. The result: IT staff can control wireless across the geographically distributed enterprise.

3Com Wireless LAN Managed Access Point 3750. The MAP 3750 is a dual-radio managed access point – also known as a "fit" access point – that supports 802.11a and 802.11b/g simultaneously with Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) security – one of the highest degrees of wireless encryption security. Supporting redundant Ethernet ports in a unique "smoke detector-style" design, the MAP 3750 joins 3Com's line of enterprise access points, including the 2750, 7250, 8250 and 8750 models, as well as 3Com's wireless PC cards and building-to-building wireless bridges.

LION PRIDE GATHERS

The San Beda College High School Golden Jubilarian Class of 1956 recently held one of its monthly reunions at the Club Filipino, in Greenhills, San Juan City, to make preparations for the upcoming SBC Grand Alumni Homecoming on February 18, 2006, at the Mendiola Quadrangle. The theme for the next year's homecoming event is stayin_alive@onehundredandfive, marking San Beda's 105th Anniversary. The host batch is the High School Silver Jubilarians of 1981 with the support of the other jubilarian batches. All Bedan Alumni, especially those celebrating their anniversaries in 2006, are enjoined to contact their respective batches through the following Batch Reps: HS '1956 (Golden Jubilarians) - Gus Lagman at 817-8477; Caloy Barcelo at 734-8921 or 704-5306, e-mail peqs56@yahoo.com; Sheila Lingcong (Batch Secretariat) at 323-3215/0916-5800764, e-mail sheilajade@yahoo.com. HS '1961 (Sapphire Jubilarians) - Ping Galvez Tan at 750-1140 local 163, e-mail pingtan@easycall.com.ph. HS '1966 (Ruby Jubilarians) - Peewee Leynes at 0920-9018452, e-mail pweeleyn@yahoo.com. HS'1971 (Jade Jubilarians) - Jimmy Tiongco at 716-5497 or Art Nuguid at 929-6965, e-mail art_nuguid@yahoo.com. HS '1976 (Pearl Jubilarians) - Jofre Alajar at SBCAA ofc tel. no. 735-5995 or through the batch e-group address - sbchsclass76@yahoogroups.com. HS '1981 (Silver Jubilarians) - Dr. Conrad Oca (or through Gysrell Gilloca) at 527-3554 or 527-5257, e-mail cfoca@pldtdsl.net, or through lawyer Jojo Sales, e-mail josalaw@yahoo.com. HS '1986 (Platinum Jubilarians) - Gabby Patag at 0917-8422298, e-mail grpatag@philonline.com, Marcel Chui at 0917-9469370, e-mail mcc@nissanecenter.com, Chad Suyosa at 0917-8195015, e-mail rsuyosa@yahoo.com; or through the batch e-group address - sbchs86@yahoogroups.com. CAS '1981 (College Silver Jubilarians) - Albert Almendralejo at 522-3088 or 245-1155 (telefax), e-mail apogeephil@yahoo.com.

Power Plant Mall sale

AS AN EARLY CHRISTMAS TREAT, Power Plant Mall will be having a mall-wide sale on Nov. 18 to 20. Up to 70 percent discounts are in store for all those sale and shopping enthusiasts from establishments like Tyler, Marlboro, Cole Haan, Nine West, Girbaud, Naturalizer, Traffic, CK Underwear, Classic Charmz, Officine, Le Companie Le Petits, Lily, Mosaic, Shoe Salon, Details & Porcupine, Mimi, Nullah, Paperie, Solea and Play and Display. You can also look forward to enjoy great discounts for the products you desire from Kenneth Cole, Ferragamo, Body Shop, Hot Pink and Nothing but Water. Take pleasure in your money's worth and favorable prices, be part of Fashionable Manila and enjoy the greatest discounts for quality good finds at the Pre-Christmas Sale at the Power Plant Mall.

Mapua HS honors distingushed alumni

THE MAPUA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY High School Alumni Association (MITHSAAI) will honor the 2005 Distinguished High School Alumni Awardees during the annual homecoming slated on Saturday, Nov. 26, 6 p.m. at the Manila Pavilion Hotel, UN Ave., Manila. Selected by a panel, the 12 distinguished alumni of MITHS for 2005 represent excellence in various fields and disciplines. They are: Rodrigo E. Cabrera (Energy, HS '69), Chief of Party, Alliance for Mindanao Off-Grid Renewable Energy (AMORE), Ambassador Ricardo M. Endaya (Foreign Service, HS '73); Associate Justice Jose R. Hernandez (Judiciary, HS '63) of the Sandiganbayan; engineer Normen P. Kahulugan (Community Service, HS '80) of Maynilad Water Services Inc; Ivy Lisa F. Mendoza (Journalism, HS '82) of Manila Bulletin; Dr. Teodorico Micua Jr. (Academe, HS '57), dean of Graduate School and director for Research and Development of Chiang Kai Shek College; Dr. Florencio Isagani S. Medina III (Nuclear Science, HS '55), head, Cytogenetic Philippine Nuclear Research Institute; Former Deputy Chief of Intelligence of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Brig. Gen. Dalmacio G. Pizana (Military Service, HS '52); Rose Joson-Arago (HS '56) and Celso B. Santiago (HS '59) for Alumni Service; .Capt. Ronaldo L. Sevilla (Aviation, HS '56); and engineer Ramon G. Cannu Jr. (Sports, HS '73) who will be posthumously recognized for being the captain ball of the Mapua Red Robins from 1969 to 1973.

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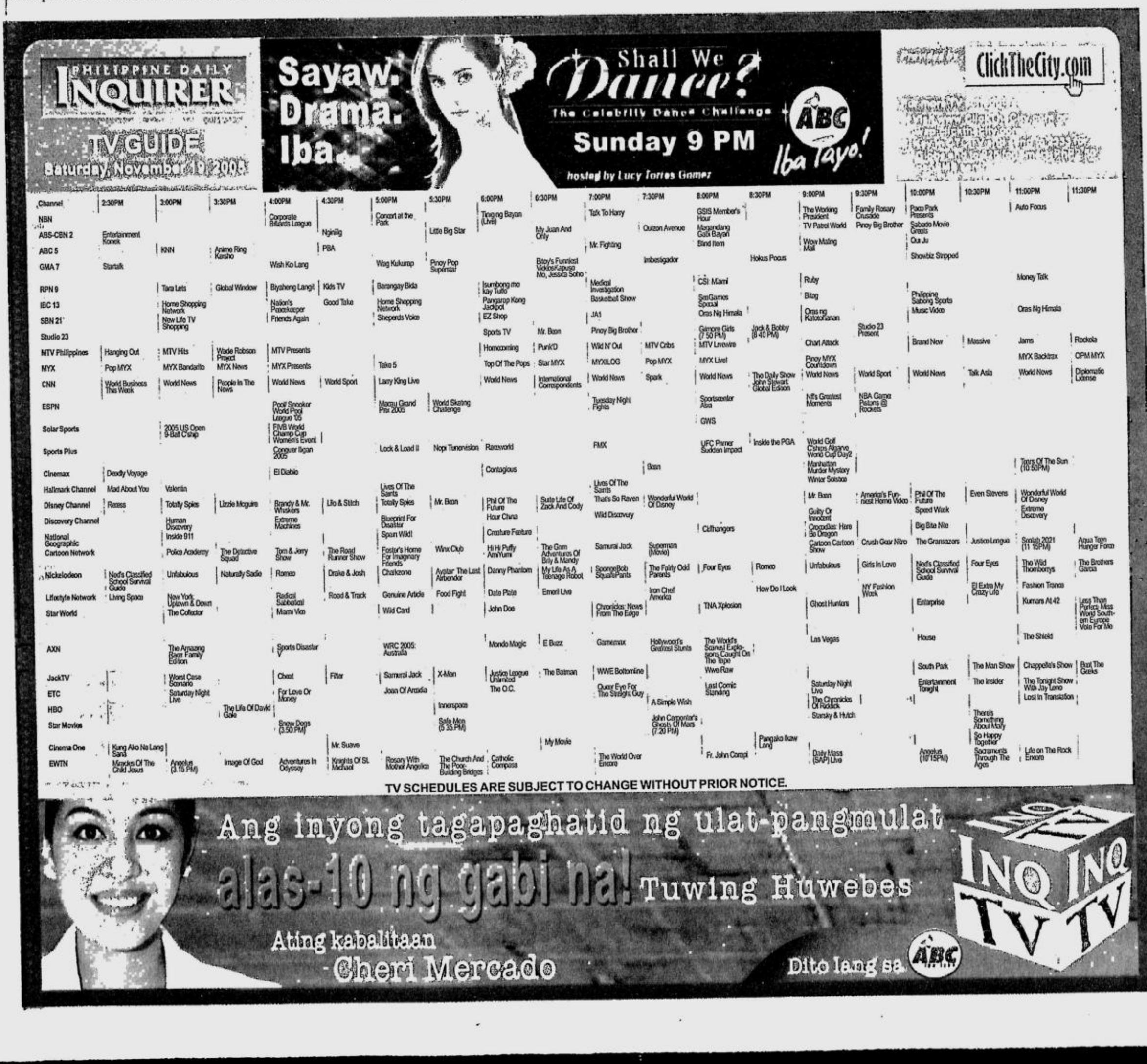

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Supply and Delivery of Grains Laboratory Equipment

The **NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply and Delivery of the following Grains Laboratory Equipment (Goods for Short):

LOT No.	EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	APPROVED BUDGET
1	Laboratory Mill	10 units	P 3,407,000.00
2	Laboratory Huller	9 units	2,340,000.00
3	Top Loading Balance (2,100 g)	29 units	2,188,000.00
	Top Loading Balance (610 g)	14 units	
	Analytical Balance	9 units	
4	Laboratory Air Oven (Digital)	5 units	285,000.00
5	Laboratory Grinder	4 units	400,000.00

Delivery of the Goods is required within 60 days from issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, Mr. Tomas R. Escarez, Asst. Dept. Manager, DMO and/or Ms. Ma. Dolores Fernandez, Division Chief, DMO, 5th F. Matimyas Building, 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City, Tel. No. 742-4140 or 711-7433, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be obtained by interested Bidders upon payment of a nonrefundable fee, in cash, in the amount of PESOS: Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) per lot.

The Bidding Schedule is as follows:

Issuance of Eligibility Requirements and Bidding Documents	November 21 to 29, 2005
Pre-Bidding Conference	November 29, 2005, 9:00 AM
Deadline for the Submission of Bids	December 12, 2005, 10:00 AM
Opening of Bids	December 12, 2005 (immediately after Submission)

The venue for the Pre-bidding Conference and Submission and Opening of Bids shall be at the NFA HRMD Training Room, 7th Floor Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Cash, Manager's Check or Cashier's Check, in the amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Approved Budget Contract. Late Bids will not be accepted.

It is required that prospective bidders must have a single largest contract – completed within the last five (5) years and similar to the contract to bid – whose value adjusted to current prices must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract.

The **NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **JESSUP P. NAVARRO**
Deputy Administrator for Operations
and Chairman, BAC

(PDI–Nov. 19 & 26, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON AUDIT
Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Procurement/Acquisition of Security Services

1. The Commission on Audit, intends to apply the sum of Nine Million Six Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight pesos (P9,652,458.00) broken down as follows:

Item	Office	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
Lot I	COA Central Office, Professional Development Center and COA Regional Office No. IV, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City	P8,619,300.00
Lot II	COA Regional Office No. III, Government Center, Brgy. Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga	1,033,158.00
	TOTAL ABC	P 9,652,458.00

being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the procurement/acquisition of security services for its Offices covering the period from February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

2. Interested Bidders may obtain a complete set of Bidding Documents starting November 23, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Five Thousand pesos (P5,000.00) for Lot 1 and One Thousand Five Hundred pesos (P1,500.00) for Lot 2, from Dir. Isabel D. Agito c/o the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Division, COA Central Office, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.
3. The Commission on Audit will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties at 2:00 P.M., November 29, 2005 at the BAC Office, Room 102, Ground Floor Former SAADO Bldg., COA Complex, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.
4. Deadline for submission of Bids shall be on December 15, 2005, 10:00 A.M. at the BAC Office, Room 102, Ground Floor Former SAADO Bldg., COA Complex, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City. Immediately after the deadline, bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
5. The Commission on Audit reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **ARCADIO B. CUENCO, JR.**
Assistant Commissioner
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - Nov. 19, 2005)

HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION

NOTICE

The **Home Guaranty Corporation** is offering for Long Term Sub-Lease or Sale of Leasehold Rights the property described as follows:

PROJECT NAME	:	**MONUMENTO PLAZA SEVEN STOREY MALL**
LOCATION	:	OLD VICTORY COMPOUND KALOOCAN CITY
TOTAL FLOOR AREA	:	34,449.61 sq.ms.
TOTAL COMMITTED/SOLD	:	9,723.22 sq.ms.
REMAINING LEASABLE AREA	:	24,726.39 sq.ms.
REMAINING TERM OF LEASE	:	19 YEARS

All interested lessees/buyers are advised to inspect the property for lease/sale to see for themselves its actual condition. The Terms of Reference and other relevant documents may be obtained for a fee of P50,000.00 from HGC, Project Management and Acquired Asset Disposition Group at the 4th Floor, 335 Jade Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City or call 895-6250 / 897-3224 / 897-3149.

CORAZON G. CORPUZ
Vice President
Finance Group

(PDI - Nov. 19 & 27, 2005)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
PANGASIWAAN SA PATALAAN NG LUPAIN
(LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY)
East Avenue cor. NIA Road
Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Republic of the Philippines
Partial Completion of the Construction of the Registry of Deeds
Building of Davao City

The Land Registration Authority (LRA), through the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) No. C-98-03651 dated November 24, 1998, intends to apply the amount of **FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN & 63/100 (P5,212,587.63)** the same being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the partial completion of the construction of:

Project	Location	PCAB License	Contract duration
RD Bldg. Davao City	A Pichon cor. Bolton St., Davao City	Medium "A"	4 mos.

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid Opening

LRA now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) from potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the partial completion of the construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Davao City. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents. Interested Bidders must submit their LOIs on or before **December 5-8, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the **BAC Secretariat, 5/F LRA Building, East Ave., cor. NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City** and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom upon payment of a non-refundable fee of FIVE HUNDRED (P500.00) PESOS. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The last day for the submission of accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on **December 14, 2005.** Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding document.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted unless otherwise stated to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only Bids from eligible Bidders will be opened. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 a contract will only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall submit their accomplished Eligibility documents to the BAC Secretariat at the address stated above, on **December 9-14, 2005** at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The documents required in the Eligibility Documents shall be submitted as part of the Technical Documents of the Bidders as provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Land Registration Authority and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on **December 21-27, 2005.**

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS: THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00). The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before **December 21-27, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The LRA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on **December 28, 2005,** 10:00 a.m. at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5/F LRA Building, East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on January 9, 2006, 10:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form and amount indicated in the Bidding Documents. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall then follow after each submission on **January 9, 2006.** Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

LRA reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

17 November 2005 at Quezon City

(Sgd.) **RONALD A. ORTILE**
Chairman
LRA Bids and Awards Committee on Infrastructure
5/F LRA Building
East Avenue corner NIA Road,
Diliman, Quezon City
Telefax No. 9244733

(PDI – November 19 & December 3, 2005)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project.

Name of Project/Brief Description	:	Supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of two (2) units Automated Banknote Processing Machines with On-Line Destruction Unit per BSP specifications and scope of work
Approved Budget for the Contract	:	P100,000,000.00
Contract Duration	:	Within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the approved contract

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	November 21, 2005 to December 8, 2005 up to 2:00 p.m. only
2. Pre-bid Conference	December 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Opening of Bids	December 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
4. Bid Evaluation	) These shall be in accordance with the
5. Post-qualification	) prescribed periods allowed in the
6. Notice of Award	) Implementing Rules & Regulations (IRR)-A of R.A. 9184 dated 10 January 2003

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P50,000.00 to the BSP Cashier.

The BSP assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, or declare the bidding a failure, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **MELPIN A. GONZAGA**
Vice-Chairman

(PDI - Nov. 19, 2005)

We are in need of

Three (3) Reservations staff

Qualifications:

- College graduate of any four-year course from a reputable university (Preferably Tourism or HRM graduate)
- Not more than 30 years old, male or female, with pleasing personality
- With at least one-year work experience in a travel industry
- Can work with minimal supervision and extended hours.

Please submit resumé with 2x2 picture to:

HANA TOUR AND TRAVEL, INC.
2/F Finance Center Bldg., Macapagal Blvd., Pasay City
Tel. Nos.: 833-6463 / 833-6484 / 833-8747

Republic of the Philippines
National Food Authority

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Supply and Delivery of Pest Control and Sanitation Equipment

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply and Delivery of the following Pest Control and Sanitation Equipment (Goods for Short):

LOT No.	EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	APPROVED BUDGET
1	Fogging Machine	24 units	P 2,160,000.00
2	Fogging Machine Computerized	1 unit	500,000.00
3	Motorized Backpack Sprayer (Knapsack Type)	28 units	1,755,000.00
4	Gas Masks with Canisters / Respiratory Filter	30 sets	450,000.00
5	Industrial Vacuum Cleaner	23 units	705,000.00

Delivery of the Goods is required within 60 days from issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least a sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, Mr. Tomas R. Escarez, Asst. Dept. Manager, DMO and/or Ms. Ma. Dolores Fernandez, Division Chief, DMO, 5th F Matimyas Building, 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City, Tel. No. 742-4140 or 711-7433 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be obtained by interested Bidders upon payment of non-refundable fee, in cash, in the amount of PESOS: Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) per lot.

The Bidding Schedule is as follows:

Issuance of Eligibility Requirements and Bidding Documents	November 21 to 29, 2005
Pre-Bidding Conference	November 29, 2005, 1:30 PM
Deadline for Submission of Bids	December 13, 2005, 10:00 AM
Opening of Bids	December 13, 2005 (immediately after Submission)

The venue for the Pre-bidding Conference and Submission and Opening of Bids shall be at the NFA HRMD Training Room, 7th Floor Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Cash, Manager's Check or Cashier's Check, in the amount equivalent to five percent (5%) of the Approved Budget Contract. Late Bids will not be accepted.

It is required that prospective bidders must have a single largest contract – completed within the last five (5) years and similar to the contract to bid – whose value adjusted to current prices must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract.

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **JESSUP P. NAVARRO**
Deputy Administrator for Operations
and Chairman, BAC

(PDI – November 19 & 26, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Intramuros, Manila

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) invites all interested bidders to participate in the bidding for the **Replacement of One (1) Unit Passenger Elevator Car Without Machine Room** with an approved budget of P2,500,000.00.

Interested bidders must register by submitting the registration requirements to the Property Division, Administrative Service, 2nd Floor, DOLE Building, Muralla Street, Intramuros, Manila starting **November 11, 2005.** Deadline for registration is on **November 23, 2005** at **5:00 p.m.**

Only bidders duly registered with the DOLE shall be allowed to participate in the competitive bidding activities, to wit:

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Pre-Bid Conference	November 24, 2005	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DOLE Executive Building, San Jose Street, Intramuros Manila
Submission of Eligibility Requirements	December 1, 2005	Between 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	–same–
Submission of Bids	December 13, 2005	Between 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	–same–

Eligibility requirements shall be distributed during the Pre-Bid Conference or they can be secured on **November 24, 2005** from the Property Division, Administrative Service, 2nd Floor, DOLE Bldg., Muralla Street, Intramuros, Manila.

On **December 1, 2005**, bidders shall submit their eligibility documents in a sealed envelope to the DOLE Bids and Awards Committee (BAC). The envelope shall be marked with the title "REPLACEMENT OF ONE (1) UNIT PASSENGER ELEVATOR CAR WITHOUT MACHINE ROOM" and the name of the bidder in capital letters.

Interested bidders are required to submit their bids, personally or through their authorized representatives, on **December 13, 2005.** The DOLE reserves the right to reject any or all bids, without offering any reason, waive any informality therein and make an award to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Department. The DOLE assumes no obligation for whatever losses that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

For further inquiries/information, please get in touch with Ms. Lily Pearl L. Guerrero and Ms. Priscila L. Hilario, members of the BAC Secretariat at telephone numbers 527-3480 or 527-3000 local 210 or 209.

(Sgd.) **ARTURO L. SODUSTA**
Assistant Secretary and
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–November 11 & 19, 2005)

NFA assures affordable rice price, sufficient supply till yearend

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY assures the public that the price of government rice will remain at its present level in spite of the recent imposition of the expanded value added tax and the successive oil price increases. As with other agricultural products, rice is exempted from the EVAT. According to NFA, good quality low-priced rice will remain available in the Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke rice outlets located inside major markets. NFA Administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr. said the agency has at present a total of 466,451 metric tons of rice in its warehouses. Based on the average current daily sales of 65,980 bags of rice, NFA rice stocks will last for 141 days or more than three months. As part of the agency's food security mandate, the NFA is required to maintain a two-week supply of rice at any one time in its warehouses. According to Tan, the NFA has 8.7 million bags of imported rice which comprise the bulk of its rice stocks. The imported rice is augmented by some 755,220 bags of locally-procured palay and 61,278 bags of local rice. Tan said he expects the NFA to beef up its stocks of local rice as the agency embarks on an intensive palay procurement for the main harvest starting last month. To date, the agency has already registered a 30 percent accomplishment of its procurement target.

PPO's Christmas Romance at fat

COME AND CELEBRATE THE YULETIDE SEASON with a free concert by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO) on Dec 9, 8 p.m. at the Folk Arts Theater (FAT) grounds. Guest soloists are noted Australian harpist Marshall McGuire and Filipino flutist Enrique Barcelo. Acclaimed American conductor Mark Allen McCoy leads the PPO.

Dubbed as Christmas Romance, the program includes Rimsky-Korsakov's Suite, Christmas Eve, Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Concertino for Harp and Chamber Orchestra, op. 93, Mozart's Concert for Flute and Harp, K. 299, Henderson's A Canadian Brass Christmas and Tchaikovsky's "Valse Finale et Aptheose" from The Nutcracker.

Ticket prices are P350/ P600/ P900, with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. For inquiries and reservations, call the CCP Box Office (832-3704), Ticketworld at National Bookstore and Tower Records (891-9999) or visit www.culturalcenter.gov.ph or www.yehey.com/ccp.

Ateneo, Mapua and UP acquire access to world- class Electronic Library

THREE OF THE LEADING SCHOOLS IN THE Philippines, namely, Ateneo de Manila University, Mapua Institute of Technology, and University of the Philippines, recently acquired the subscription to the electronic library of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer (IEEE). Similar to other internationally-renowned universities, access to IEEE Library will have tremendous impact on the learning ability of the students and faculty of these three schools.

The IEEE Electronic Library (IEL) holds over 30 percent of the world's electrical engineering and computer science literatures, including journals and conference articles from as far back as 1950. It is the ultimate source for engineers and engineering students who need to conduct research on cutting edge technology. Rather than repeat the experiments, the students can quickly build on the available information.

IEL was acquired from International Handling Services, Inc. (IHS), the leading provider of technical standards and specifications in the world through its local representative, Techinfo Solutions Inc. You may contact Techinfo at 888-1018 or email info@techinfo.ph . For more information, you may also access the web at www.ihs.com

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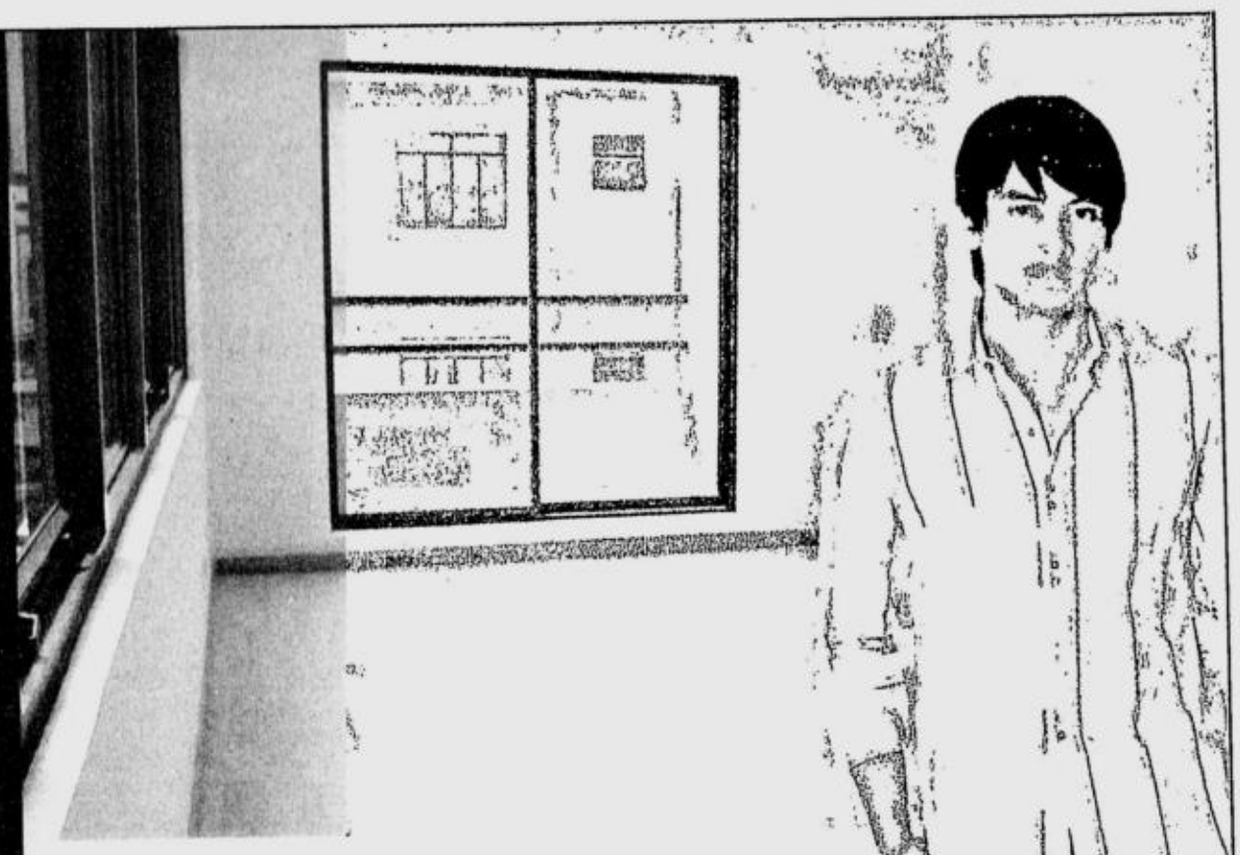

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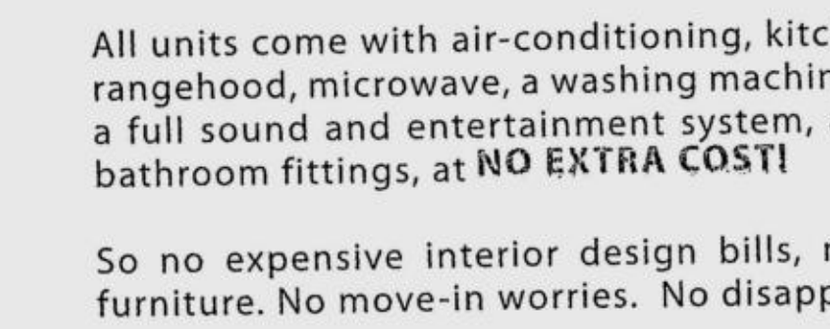

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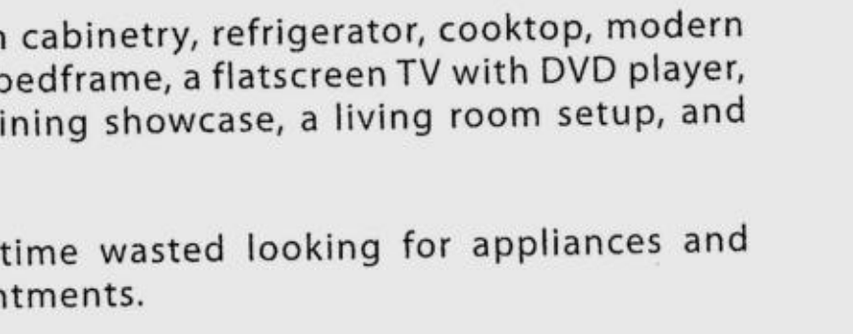

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Feng shui practitioner eyes booming RP developments

By Tessa R. Salazar

WITH FILIPINO PROPerty developers having a business heyday here and abroad, a practitioner of mystical feng shui is hoping to add "fuel to the flames."

For Roberto Tseng Vicente, though, he prefers to call it "QiPi."

Says Vicente during a recent lecture at the Serenity Healing Center, San Antonio Village in Pasig: "Philippine economy is booming. It's a perfect time to help developers and property investors with feng shui so they will be able pick up the best locations for their businesses."

Vicente, who introduces himself as a US-based feng shui consultant is an industrial and chemical engineering graduate who uses what he calls the ancient practice of environmental planning that harmonizes nature and the environment to increase opportunities for success, vitality and prosperity.

In the United States, he works as an environmental engineer in Silicon Valley. He attended a formal feng shui school for seven years.

Alliance Feng Shui

Vicente is a member of a group called Alliance Feng Shui, which operates in countries such as the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France, New Zealand, Taiwan, Singapore and the Philippines.

QiPi, on the other hand, is an aspect of feng shui that deals more on the study and application of environmental energies.

"For developers and builders who plan to build a new community, we come in and tell them where to locate the houses, buildings, offices, the entrance, the roads. We design with them," he says.

He claims to work alongside with architects, designers and contractors globally, reviews plans and models as well as inspect construction sites to ensure that the recommendations and designs are being adhered to effectively.

Vicente says he has a large group deployed around the world to share the practice of QiPi to help anyone who considers it necessary. Most of his group's clients are corporate in nature.

Good locations

His group also recommends good locations for offices of heads of states so a leader could be "guided" in decision-making.

"We also plan cities and states. There are some countries where we build up communities and cities. We know where to put city halls, finance institutions and even entry points to the cities. If it is an existing place, we try to look into the source of energy and the environment surrounding the cities," he says.

Vicente declines to reveal his group's project cities and other property developments, saying his group signed no-disclosure contracts with clients.

Confidentiality, he stresses, is part of their discipline.

Mountains, rivers

He is, however, willing to make public the essential features for establishments to capture "good energies." He says, for example, that builders and owners should look for mountains and rivers.

He explains that water should be able to bring good energy, translating to money and wealth, while the mountains should be able to generate good health.

In modern times, buildings can be translated as mountains, and rivers would be roads and streets. The paths of roads can lead to prosperity. Buildings, however, could block or deflect energy. Vicente says his group uses engineering concepts to divert energy.

He says QiPi identifies beneficial areas, directions and places, and analyzes land forms to determine how energy reaches a site. Energy is collected, contained, directed and dissipated by forms such as mountains, valleys and waterways.

Observations

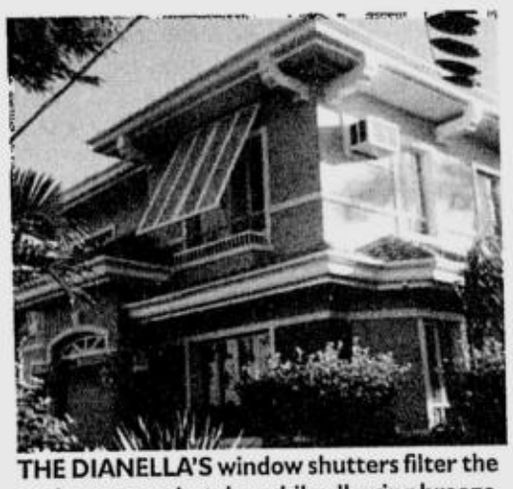
These analyses result in the following observations:

• In a city, buildings, roads, and other man-made structures will also influence energy flows.

• Once the course and direction of energy flow relative to a site is understood, its nature and quality is assessed. Beneficial influences are harnessed through the design of infrastructure, buildings and landscaping.

• The type of energies received is very important to the success of any venture. Indoor energy distribution becomes equally important.

Vicente says that the scope of QiPi includes existing businesses, new developments and harmonizing natural and built environments.



THE DIANELLA'S window shutters filter the sun's rays on a hot day while allowing breeze to cool the room.

The Islands launches new model home tomorrow

AS THE REAL ESTATE MAVERICK WHICH offers innovative choices in high-end living with its themed, masterplanned communities, Brittany Corp. continues its mission of providing refreshing options for metro residents who are tired of urban jungle scenes, with the launch tomorrow of its latest model residence, Dianella, at The Islands of Brittany. The Islands, with its strategic location at Dasmariñas, Cavite, is bound by Molino-Paliparan Highway and Governor's Drive, a short commute from Alabang commercial center.

A sun-blessed community, The Islands is about wide-open spaces cooled by constant breezes all day long, its island resort villages inspired by great vacation destinations such as those in the Caribbean, that sprawling archipelago surrounded by sun-warmed seas, near Florida.

Luxury enclave

The Islands is a 150-hectare luxury enclave offering urbanites the escape, proximity and space of a beautiful island lifestyle.

Says Brittany president Jing Serrano: "The result of The Islands' masterplanning is an all-encompassing sense of relaxation and recreation, the feel of being surrounded by nature's beauty in an idyllic setting, an appreciation of wide open spaces in which children can frolic, and overall, the enjoyment of unhurried and unstressed living in the splendor of a tropical setting."

The Islands residences are leading examples of casual, tropical luxury, boasting island architecture intended to take advantage of sunlight, space and wind. They have design details including shutters, high ceilings and hues rendered in different tones, and accents bespeaking island living.

Dianella's interiors

The interiors of Dianella (240 square meters of floor area) are designed by the duo of sisters Cynthia and Ivy Almario. Dianella joins two other model residences at The Islands: Alpinia (170 sq m of floor area) and Aristhea (210 sq m of floor area).

"The distinct Ivy and Cynthia Almario touch is updated and becomes more upbeat. A different Almario is showcased, just as Brittany has continuously managed to introduce new design innovations," says Serrano.

THE ISLANDS B2-4

Green architecture makes scents

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

Amado de Jesus

GREEN ARCHITECTure means healthy buildings and is concerned with the effects of good scents inside such a building. You could then say that green architecture makes sense.

Many of us do not realize how scents dominate our lives. Starting in the morning, our sense of smell is exposed to a variety of scents like bath soap, fresh clothes, cologne, brewed coffee, baked bread, flowers in the front yard, the smell of the car freshener, the office indoor air, copying machines, the steamy food in the restaurant. On the way home, we pass by the convenience store, fill up our car with fuel, and use the nearby restroom. When we finally go to bed, we smell the bed sheets and the pillows. According to scientists, these are just a few of the 10,000 different odors the human nose can detect.

What we do not realize is that scents affect our behavior and work performance. Experts say that pleasant odors bring about pleasant moods. Invariably, unpleasant odors cause unpleasant moods.

The human nose is lined with microscopic hairs covered with receptors sensitive to airborne-odor molecules. These tiny receptors trigger our reactions to the smells around us. If the smell is pleasant, no problem. But if it is not, it's a different story.

In this country, especially in urban areas, it is not difficult to find areas that have unpleasant odors. Some examples are badly maintained public markets, dirty hospitals, sidewalks with mountains of garbage piled up, dirty creeks and public toilets. Could there be a relation between these sources of unpleasant odors and the unpleasant mood or behavior of some of the bad elements in our society?

How does smell affect us?

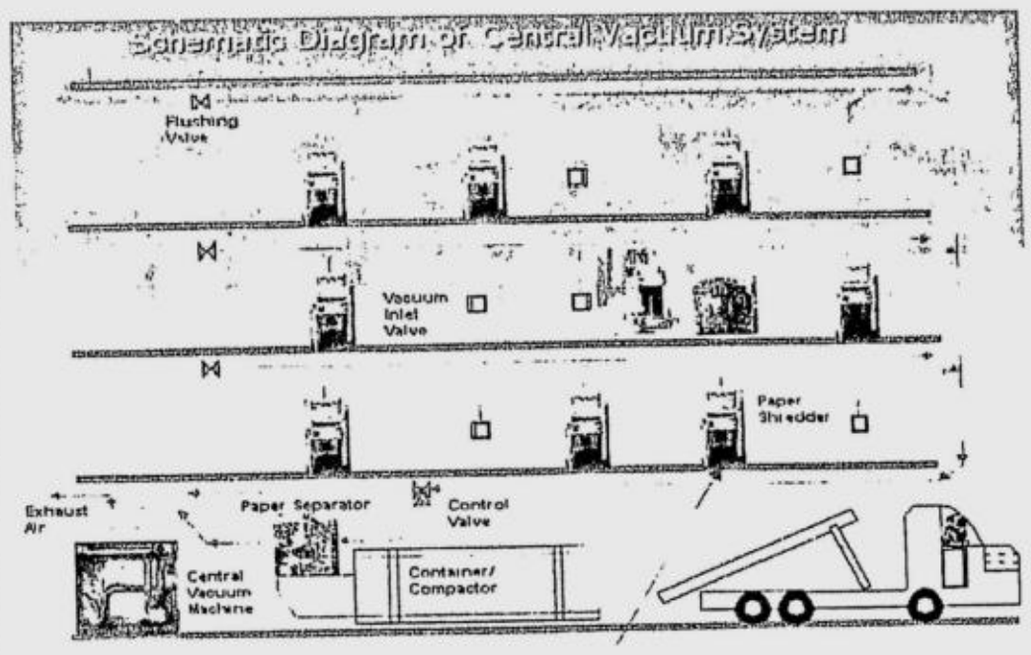
When people are exposed to pleasant smell, their creative problem-solving abilities are better than when they are exposed to unpleasant odors. Positive moods are linked to an increase in productivity, performance and the tendency to help others, while negative moods increase antisocial behavior. People who work in the presence of a pleasant smell reported higher self-efficacy, set higher goals and were more likely to employ efficient work strategies.

Odors affect us also in what is known as associative learning, the process by which one event or item is associated with another due to the past events in a person's life. The event then triggers a response for the original situation. For example, the smell of a chemical is associated with a hospital treatment that resulted in anxiety. The smell then triggers anxiety when it is encountered in the future.

What causes bad smell?

Germs and bacteria from human activities are the main causes of malodors. For example, in and around our homes and workplaces, uncollected garbage is a major source of bad smell. An efficient garbage collection system would solve this but a better solution would be to do composting whether we live in a house or a high-rise building. You not only get rid of the "wet" or biodegradable portion of the garbage that causes the bad smell, you get free fertilizer for your plants and also help protect the environment by reducing the solid waste that would go onto our dumpsites.

Another possible source of bad odor would be storage and maintenance areas with cleaning solutions, chemicals, oil-based paint and dirty equipment. Periodic inspection and cleaning is a must in these areas.



THE MOE Building also has a central vacuum system with the vacuum plant connected via a network of pipes to outlets located at walls and floors. Dirt and dust particles are sucked and transported via pipes to the centralized vacuum plant. They are discharged outside the building through an effective filtration system without recirculating back to the occupied space.

THE SINGAPORE Ministry of Education headquarters is a recognized energy-efficient building that also features a toilet exhaust system based on the principle of extraction of foul air at source. Exhaust grilles are installed at low level next to urinals and within each cubicle. Foul air is extracted immediately before it can spread to the surrounding areas and is discharged at the roof level of the building.

For an odor to be present, it is important to remember that warm temperature and humidity must also be present to help germs and bacteria form and grow. This is especially true for building interiors. The higher the temperature and humidity levels, the stronger the odor will become. On the other hand, lowering the temperature and humidity levels, and increasing airflow reduce the odor intensity.

Public restrooms

After uncollected garbage, many people would consider the dreaded public restroom next in the list of primary sources of bad smell. Most restrooms tend to have very poor airflow and a great deal of moisture. This is why odor control is a major problem.

One source of odor that is often overlooked is the floor drain. If the p-trap in a floor drain dries out, nothing will prevent sewer gas from entering the room. A p-trap is the bent portion of the pipe just under the floor drain. It is designed to use water as a barrier between the room and the drainage system. To prevent this, it is advisable to pour a cup of water on a monthly basis down the drain to keep the trap full and prevent the gas from forming and escaping.

5-star restrooms

In Singapore, the new breed of green buildings have restrooms that have individual exhaust fans or outlets, not in the ceiling but right beside each water closet, a few inches above the floor. The idea is to be able to flush out odor before it fouls up the entire room. It is not surprising to find this in Singapore where they rate public restrooms with a certain number of stars, just like with hotels.

Also in Singapore, green buildings are now equipped with a centralized vacuum system. The maintenance crew simply plugs the device on a wall socket and the main vacuum at the basement collects all the dust and dirt. The system is more efficient than the portable type because there are less dust particles blown into the interiors, which may affect the health of the occupants.

In Bangkok, the Peninsula Hotel is equipped with a refrigerated garbage room. The reason is quite obvious. This is done to avoid the formation and growth of bacteria and bad smell. It also helps reduce possible fire.

For parking areas in basements, it is now a regular feature for most buildings to have automatic carbon monoxide sensors. Once a certain level of the toxic gas is reached, computers automatically send commands to the ventilation system to bring in fresh air that flushes out the deadly gas.

Other sources of bad smell could be from synthetic materials that are installed inside buildings. Many of these materials continue to emit toxic fumes and scents long after they have been installed.

Moving in to a newly painted home or office is not good for the health. Enough time should be given for the paint to dry out and the room properly ventilated before moving in.

Some sensitive people protect themselves from strong scents by increasing ventilation, wearing masks or by using a portable filtration device, which may only be partially effective. Controlling the polluting source is the best solution.

(The author is the chair of the board of judges of the Asean Energy Awards 2005 and is a practising green architect. For comments or inquiries, e-mail amadodejesus@gmail.com.)

THE THIRD SM supermall in Cavite yesterday opened its doors to the public.

SM Supercenter Molino now open

SM SUPERCENTER MOLINO, SM Prime Holdings' 22nd supermall, yesterday opened its doors to the public. This brings to three the SM supermalls where Caviteños can shop, eat out and have fun. The two other malls—SM City Bacoor and SM City Dasmariñas are located in key areas in the province.

SM's presence in three strategically located areas in the province reinforces Cavite's growth and market potentials. This rapidly developing province has become a favored location of many industrial and commercial businesses as well as residential subdivisions.

Cavite has 21 industrial parks spread around 20 municipalities, creating pockets of economic activities in areas in which they are located. Locator companies, some of the biggest names in the world, employ more than 100,000 skilled workers.

In addition, a total of 216 companies are located inside the 276-hectare Cavite Export Processing Zone. These have provided a large number of jobs and helped raise the standards of living.

3rd SM mall in Cavite

The success of SM City Bacoor and SM City Dasmariñas, which opened in 1997 and 2004, respectively, encouraged the SM management to open the third mall.

Located on a 4.8-hectare property in Barangay Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, the new mall will serve customers in the second most populous municipality in the province, with the highest population density. Bacoor's 73 barangays have evolved from an agro-fishery base into a densly populated residential communities evidenced by the presence of nearly fully developed subdivisions and villages.

Variety of goods, services

The two-level 50,000-square-meter supermall has Super SM Hypermarket as its major anchor, Hypermarkets are basically of European origin and will be selling food as well as nonfood items such as clothes, houseware, furniture and beauty products. The mall also has other stores, restaurants and cinemas for its customers.

SM Supercenter Molino has shops, a food court, local and international fast-food chains and four state-of-the-art cinemas. It also has a total of 627 parking slots for cars and some 85 slots for motorcycle parking for customer convenience.

The new mall's design team includes Chucawal de Weger, project designer and design consultant; Haskoning Philippines, project manager; and DOY Konstrukt, general contractor.

New shoppers haven rises on Makati Avenue

SHOPPING WILL SOON PICK UP ON MAKATI Avenue as a new shoppers mecca rises within the heart of the country's premier commercial district, offering fashion, dining and entertainment packaged in a lifestyle concept and design that breaks the mold of mall architecture.

Dubbed The A. Venue Events Mall, this bold new commercial center will feature three levels of shopping concourse and will soon be one of the finest examples of subtle modern contemporary design that incorporates geometric forms, simplicity and fine lines rarely seen in mall designs.

Bustling neighborhood mall

"The overall imagery of the project is to merge the contemporary with modernity of times. We originally programmed The A. Venue Events Mall with modern contemporary-inspired designs, that infuses a home-like approach with a large pavilion for different activities or simply as an event-gathering place," stated Jonathan Gan, the lead architect tapped by Antel Land Holdings to design a mall that would complement the theme and lifestyle approach of The A. Venue Residences.

Gan explained that the commercial complex will be presented as a bustling neighborhood mall, as it rises adjacent to the new residential and hotel tower known as The A. Venue Residences.

Modern Asian style

"The A. Venue Events Mall's design is inspired by both east and west mentality, but we mostly leaned toward the concept of modern Asian style, which is among the first to be implemented in the history of mall culture in the Philippines," shared Gan.

Gan described a mall where sidewalks would be shaded from the sun via trellises and where a promenade would be carefully orchestrated and complimented with lush landscaping to provide the perfect setting for al-fresco dining.

THE DESIGN of the A. Venue Mall represents an image of what a modern mall should look like—subtle and elegant with a steel and glass construction that combines art and lifestyle.

Thus The A. Venue Mall veered from the typical architectures of mall design, which are commonly climate-controlled, massive, monolithic windowless blocks with a central atrium. The new mall will feature modern steel and glass construction, with wide windows to provide added illumination inside and accent outside views of the building. Clean lines, earth tone colors, concrete pedestals with stone-cladding finishes, steel grilles, on-stilts roofing and even a variety of murals complete the picture of subtleness and elegance of truly Asian, yet modern mall.

Inside, the ground floor and second floor level contains a double corridor that will be lined with commercial establishments. It offers stage-set architecture designed for the uninterrupted visual pleasure of those inside the premises. There will also be an entertainment mall that will fully integrate rows of restaurants and bars with different entertainment facilities.

Various levels

At the ground level, the party and event's lifestyle theme becomes immediately apparent with the 1,500-sq-m soundproofed events venue known as The Antel Venue. Equipped with the latest audio technology, this area is envisioned to play host to high-end events and trade expos, both local and international alike.

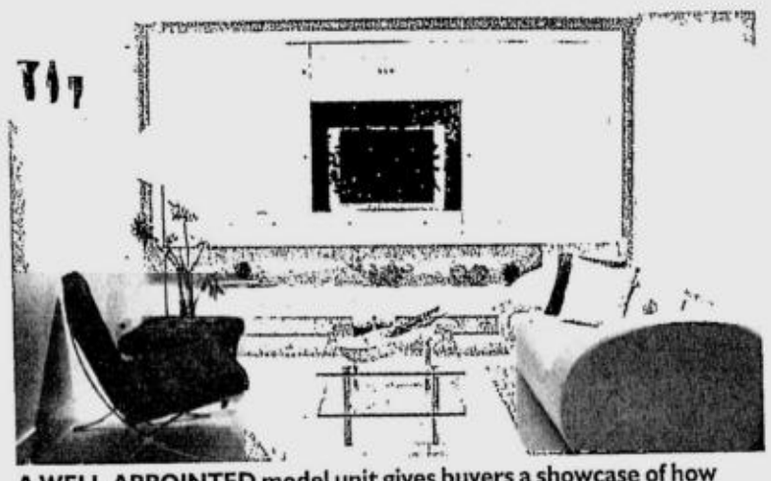
At the second level, a lifestyle of dining can be enjoyed via the generous balconies, which serve as al-fresco dining areas for restaurant establishments. Dining aficionados will also enjoy hours of culinary delights at the "Hawkers Center" which will be open until 2 a.m.

The third level will highlight shopping lifestyle at its best with exhibit style stalls or *tiangge* set-ups favored by bargain shoppers who will soon spend endless fun-filled hours strolling through the shops for valuable finds and great buys.

Once completed, the new A. Venue Mall will be a fitting addition to the theme and lifestyle concept of The A. Venue Residences, offering new ways of enjoying the best of cosmopolitan lifestyles right in the heart of Makati.

For inquiries on The A. Venue Mall, call 757-2615 to 16 or visit www.antel.com.ph.

THE ARCHITECTURE of the A. Venue Mall is a perfect picture of modern Asian style, while still conveying the image of what a neighborhood mall should be—warm and living.



A WELL-APPOINTED model unit gives buyers a showcase of how Dakota Residences speaks eloquently of taste, preference and affordability.

Bank financing schemes for unit buyers of Dakota Residences

JTKC LAND'S 8-STORY DAKOTA Residences in Malate has started turning over units since July.

A vibrant mix of both the past and the future, Dakota Residences is strategically located at the corner of Adriatico and Gen. Malvar Streets and goes with a wealth of amenities where one can feel at home and experience a wonderful vestige of the city's glorious past. It offers a calmer side of contemporary living that balances Old World charm and cosmopolitan chic, while keeping everything within reach of the average Filipino's budget.

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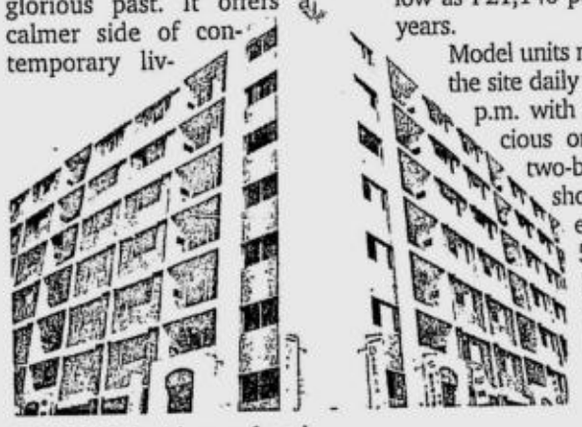
Model units may be viewed at the site daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a choice of spacious one-bedroom and two-bedroom units for showcase. Interested buyers may call 524-1616, 521-8844 or log on to www.dakotaresidences.com. You may also e-mail dakotasales@jtkc.com.ph.



DAKOTA Residences façade

3 luxury addresses for all seasons

THIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW year, property giant Megaworld Corp. brings discriminating home buyers the gift of an entire city—Eastwood City—at their feet with the purchase of a luxury condominium unit at One Orchard Road, Grand Eastwood Palazzo and One Central Park.

For young professionals and families near the top of the heap, the three-tower One Orchard Road is the ideal modern-day home. It offers stylish accommodations ranging from plush studio pads to lavish three-bedroom suites. These come with play amenities at the sixth-floor podium deck such as an indoor spa and sauna and tropical gardens and a retail arcade at the ground level.

2 residential wings

The Grand Eastwood Palazzo blends European influences with neo-classical themes to create a distinguished address. Tailored to the needs of well-heeled retirees and executives, the project's two residential wings, named after Renaissance masters Michelangelo and Da Vinci, offer a choice of executive studios to four-bedroom units.

At the fifth-level podium deck, a Palladian-style swimming pool, inspired by the ancient Roman baths, serves as the centerpiece of a recreational area that also features sunbathing lounges, a gazebo spa, children's play area and landscaped gardens.

Leisure and convenience

One Central Park blends the modern influences of Asia's finest enclaves and the lush gardens of Europe. The project pushes the envelope on leisure and convenience with its condominium homes nestled above a four-story mall and overlooking a park with a centerpiece lagoon at the foot of the tower.

With a mere push of an elevator button, owners of the luxurious executive studios to three-bedroom homes can go to the mall, the park or even the play deck at the fifth level. Among the amenities here are a lap pool with a paved sunbathing deck, changing rooms with shower, a multipurpose room, gym and sauna and a children's play area.

One Orchard Road is being readied for full delivery by the third quarter of 2006. Grand Eastwood Palazzo is slated for completion by 2007, followed by One Central Park in 2009.

And there are more bonuses one can get from an Eastwood City address. Professionals can enjoy the luxury of working close to home—and away from the traffic—at the Eastwood City CyberPark, the country's first information technology park.

Restaurants, shops

For those with a craving for fabulous food, Eastwood City Walk 1 offers a myriad of restaurants, themed cafés and bars. Eastwood City Walk 2, with its variety of brand-name stores, caters to a hip crowd.

Meanwhile, shops galore await the style-conscious at Fashion Village and Style Centrale. And for gadget buffs keen on getting the best buys, IT-electronics-telecom hub Eastwood CyberMall at the podium of Cyber One is a target destination.

Conveniences

Other conveniences that can be reached on foot include a Fitness First outlet for health and fitness junkies and a Robinsons supermarket for groceries.

Offering a new experience in leisure and entertainment are four state-of-the-art cinemas equipped with Dolby Digital EX technology and the country's first rocker seats, a Q Powerstation video arcade and an AMF-Puyat-operated bowling and billiard center.

Whichever address one chooses—One Orchard Road, Grand Eastwood Palazzo or One Central Park—he is assured of a lifestyle at Eastwood City that grows more precious season after season.

GMA's ancestral home top attraction in Iligan

IT IS PLEASANTLY SURPRISING TO note that Iligan City is blessed with picturesque countryside bordered by a seemingly infinite expanse of sea, adequate amenities, complemented by well-paved main roads, warm and hospitable people and most of all the seemingly seamless majestic waterfalls.

Although it may not often be included in most people's list of must-see destinations in the country, its simple charms invite us to take a detour from the usual and allow us to experience a refreshing change of scene.

Located on the northwestern coast of Mindanao facing Iligan bay, 795 km South Manila, Iligan is a rare mixture of what is natural, industrial and cultural.

Another haven

Iligan City Mayor Lawrence Cruz is now making moves to shift direction away from its shadow and position Iligan as another haven and destination for both tourists and investors. With its rich history, active cultural and art scenes, and its numerous waterfalls including the renowned Maria Cristina Falls, Iligan City can very well stand on its own.

Recognizing promotions and information dissemination as vital component in the success of a tourism campaign, the city government has opened a liaison office in Manila to handle the task.

"The city has not been getting the attention it deserves," Cruz said. "Information has to reach both domestic and international markets. Tourists have to be updated with Iligan's latest tourism offerings," he said.

City with big dreams

In his vision of platform, the mayor said Iligan is a city with big dreams. "And it has the will and the means to make these dreams come true."

From a small trading and farming town of several thousand inhabitants 60 years ago, it has metamorphosed into an industrial city with more than 300,000 culturally-diverse people living and working harmoniously toward their individual and the city's well-being.

Its industrialization came about due to its hydroelectric power plants that supply the cheapest power in the whole island of Mindanao.

Natural wonders

Despite its industrialization, Iligan has preserved the beauty of its gifts from nature—its 22 wondrous waterfalls, its crystal-clear water springs and its pristine beaches. During its tourism and fiesta celebration in September, there were numerous and unique cultural events that are must-see for domestic and foreign tourists.

PRESIDENT Arroyo's ancestral house, which was turned into a museum, draws a lot of tourist.

The most accessible of Iligan's 23 waterfalls is the Mimbalut Falls. Located approximately 10.5 km from the city proper, it measures 90 feet high and 18 feet wide.

But the main attraction apart from the brimming falls is the Macaraeg-Macapagal ancestral house sits on a 2.5-hectare lot that was transformed into a museum which is open to visitors. Located in Timoga in Barangay Buruun beside Iligan Bay about 8 km from the city proper, the property was donated by the Macapagals to the Iligan City government in 1993.

Other points of interest are Cheradil Inn, Anahaw Amphitheater, Iligan City Hall and the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology.

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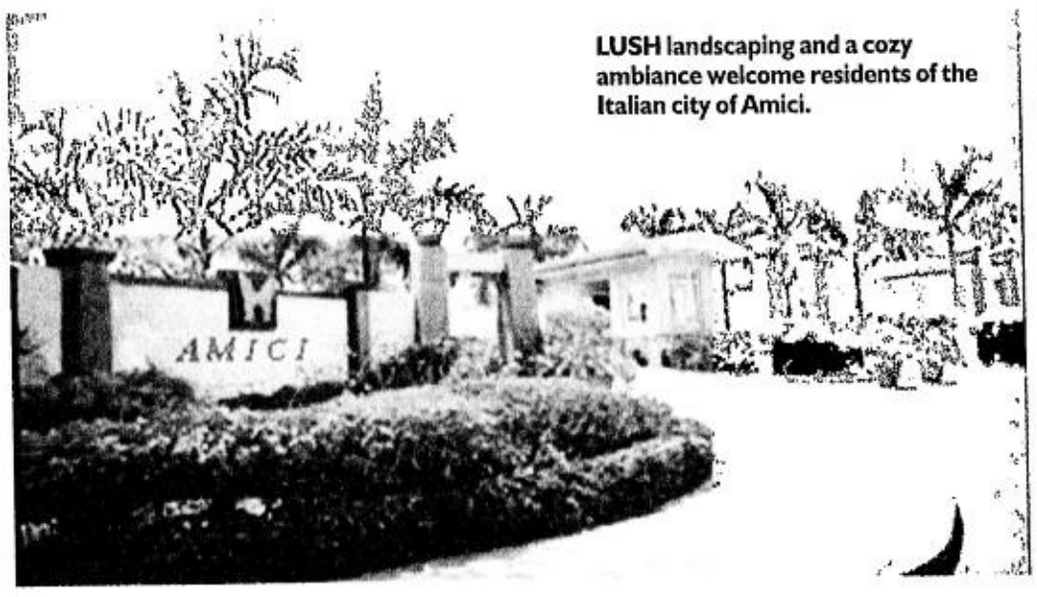
Crown Asia dominates the south

THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND career-driven individuals are seeking for the perfect home away from the hassles of the metropolis yet located in a community which remains accessible from the conveniences of the corporate and commercial districts.

But selecting the ideal enclave should also prove to be a veritable investment for your hard-earned funds. A residential retreat with these distinct characteristics coupled with a theme only drawn from the world's finest sites distinguishes an enclave from other developments of choice.

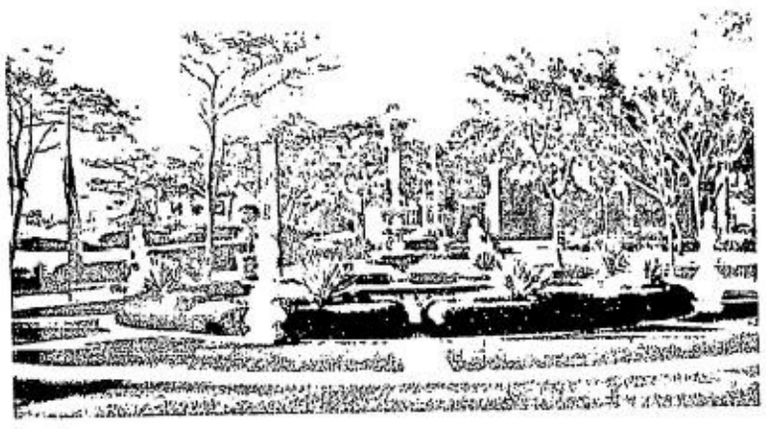
Italy's distinct architectural style inspired Crown Asia, the country's premiere real estate developer, in creating master-planned communities in the south. The rustic ambiance of Italy's historical and culture-rich cities combined with warmth and elegance are captured and then adapted to Crown Asia's unique Italian-inspired enclaves. Mediterranean living offers a relaxed retreat from the urban jungle while warm hues complete the cozy ambiance.



LUSH landscaping and a cozy ambiance welcome residents of the Italian city of Amici.

GARDEN trellises spread around Valenza bring nature within the home to complement Laguna's verdant greens.

WITHIN CITTA Italia's community are lovely single-detached abodes which combine cosmopolitan living with Italy's elegance.



Amid Cavite's rustic surroundings

• **Amici.** Understanding life's realities where both parents have to work for their family's future, Amici (meaning "friend" in Italian) complements the busy lifestyle of young couples with its strategic location in Bacoor, Cavite. Find complacence and the perfect companion in raising your children in Amici's secure and exclusive community. Cavite's tranquil environment is maintained with the preservation of nature while enhanced with lush landscaping and homes with warm Mediterranean hues.

Only five minutes away from Alabang and near Bacoor's conveniences, Amici is located on NIA Road and accessible via the Las Piñas-Muntinlupa-Laguna-Cavite Link Road (also known as Daang Hari). Distinguishing Amici from other developments are its five considerations—rudiments revolving around the needs and realities of young couples: security, inward design format, neighborly home designs, practical features and exclusive amenities.

• **Residenza.** Already a thriving community in Bacoor, Cavite, Residenza offers a unique combination of inspirations. Rezidenza's primary inspiration is Italy's industrial capital, the Lombardy region, which was dominated by the Spanish from 1535 to 1700. This brings on Residenza's combination of two architectural genres which come from different cultures—the Italians' *la dolce vita* (meaning "sweet life") and the Spanish's *caledad de vida* (meaning "quality of life"). Residenza is only 30 minutes away from the commercial and business centers in Makati and accessible via Aguinaldo Highway-Coastal Road.

• **Amalfi.** Inspired by the scenic town of Amalfi Coast in Campania, Italy, Crown Asia's interpretation of the popular holiday destination creates a resort-like community in Dasmariñas, Cavite. Accessible via three routes—Aguinaldo Highway, Daang Hari-Molino Road and Southwoods to Carmona exit—Amalfi is only a few minutes drive to neighboring leisure destinations in Tagaytay and Laguna. Practical conveniences surround the neighborhood while St. Paul's College can be found within the community's enclave. A 10-hectare enclave, its residents experience holiday retreat 365 days a year with its picturesque surroundings and cozy atmosphere.

• **Citta Italia.** Located in the heart of Imus, Cavite's booming industrial city, Citta Italia is a residential enclave of more than 70 hectares. It has grown to 11 phases including Milano, Venezia, Roma, Messina, Verona, Palladio, Lessinia and Vicenza with Vetta (Italian for "peak") and Brescia as its newest phases. Within each development are lovely single-detached abodes that combine cosmopolitan living with the elegance of Italy.

Each masterplanned detail, from the majestic entry gate, Romanesque statues and pillars, to the Fontana uniting the row of homes draws the feel of living in the quaint Italian countryside.

Amid Laguna's lovely sights

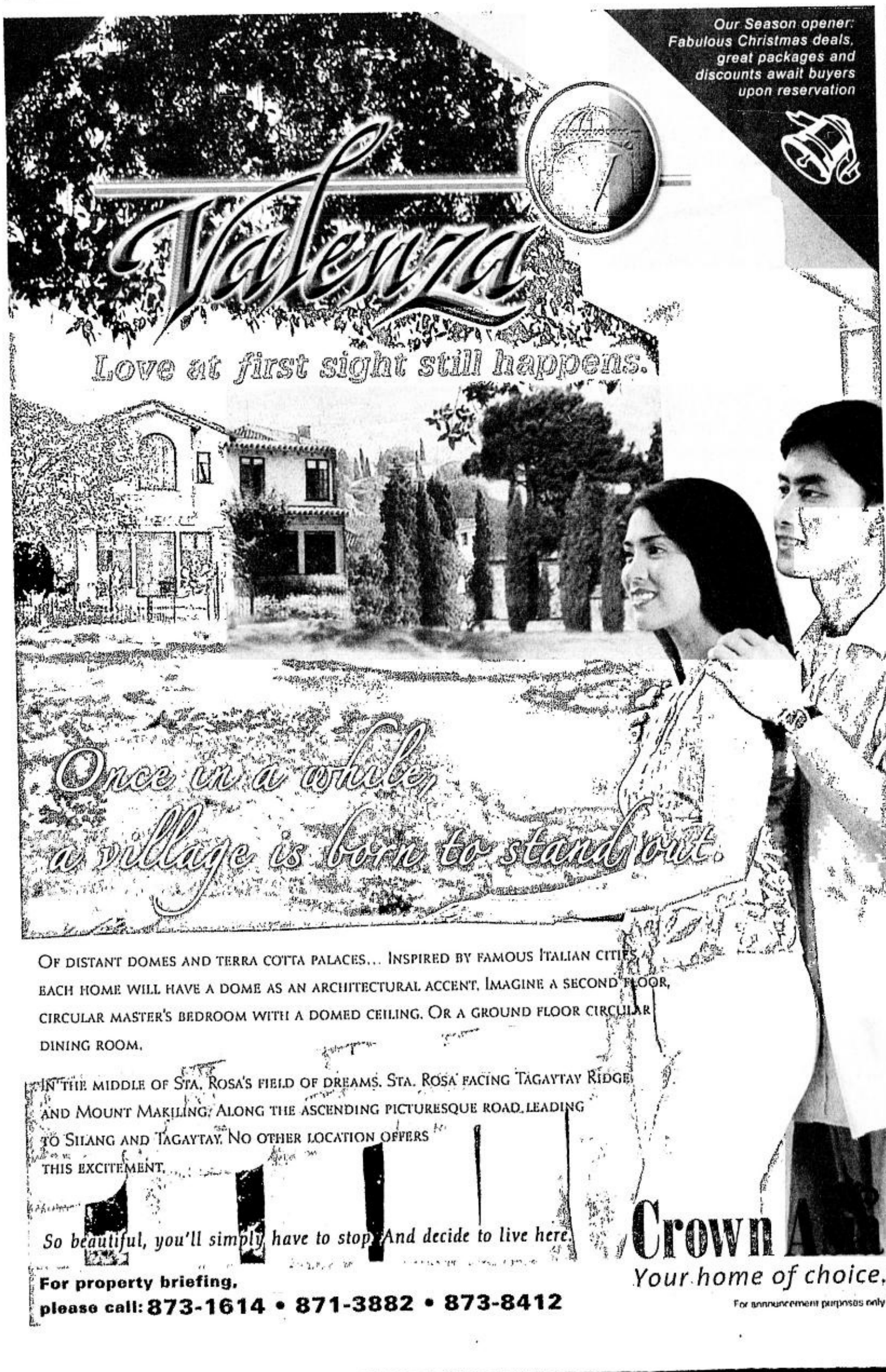
• **Valenza.** For young couples and singles desiring to escape the bustling metropolis while enjoying the comforts of the urban lifestyle, Valenza (meaning "value" in Italian) is a quaint community located in the lush foothills of Santa Rosa, Laguna. It is just a few minutes drive to Tagaytay for leisure yet only 20 minutes from the booming industry of Alabang for convenience.

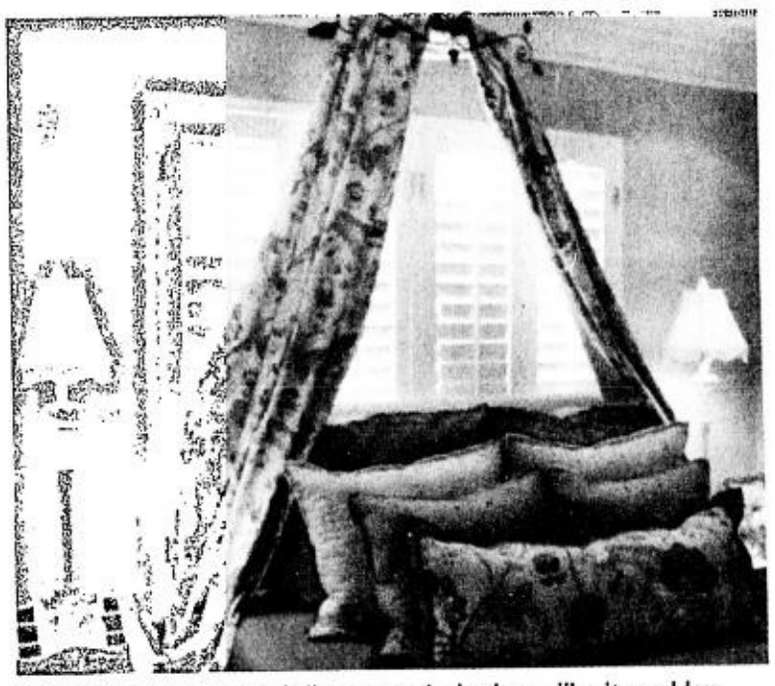
Italy's splendor is reflected with architectural accents and warm earth tones while complemented by the vista of Mt. Banahaw and Tagaytay Ridge. Whether in search of a place to come home to at the end of the day or a weekend retreat, Valenza is truly an irresistible find in the south.

• **Fortezza.** The first master-planned community in Cabuyao, Laguna, Fortezza has become a thriving residential estate. Greeting each resident is a view of the fabled Mounts Banahaw and Makiling complemented by unspoiled nature and rustic, tranquil air. Dubbed as the "Crown of Laguna," Fortezza boasts of Italian-inspired homes with warm Mediterranean hues and designs intended for comfortable living.

Completing this themed village are Roman statues and baroque fountains, while Italian lamps line piazzas and charming pocket gardens. Fortezza brings the best of both worlds—country calm and city convenience—with its strategic location just two minutes from the South Luzon Expressway and an easy 45-minute drive from Makati.

Discover world-class communities that complement every lifestyle and address each need when you visit the various neighborhoods of Crown Asia. Property previews may be arranged by calling Crown South at 873-1614 and 873-6610.





COMBINING muted and vibrant tropical colors will suit an older sister, aunt or staying guests.

The Islands launches new model home tomorrow

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"Each detail in the Dianella's interiors presents a refreshing appeal reminiscent of rich, laid back vacations," she adds. "Tropical elements include the use of white window shutters in every room, walls splashed with the colors of the season ranging from vibrant hues that evoke the blissful life in the Caribbean to muted colors reflecting the relaxed pace of tropical living.

"We were inspired by the residential designs of Palm Beach in Florida, essentially Caribbean-influenced though more refined, with the *joie de vivre* intact, in conceptualizing the interiors for Dianella," says Cynthia.

Overall feel

The overall feel—Caribbean via Palm Beach—speaks of the sun, the outdoors and tropical colors.

"There is an authentic Palm Beach feel, which gives credibility and sophistication to the Caribbean influence while maintaining the colors and freshness, for a sophisticated, urban market," says Cynthia. "The furniture styles are complementary, with wicker, raffia and whitewashed items for a laid back, tropical feel," she adds.

The development's island vibe is echoed in every detail you find both in the interiors and exteriors of the Dianella. The Islands offers custom home sites and unique home and lot packages that cater to each family's unique needs and refined taste.

Brittany is accepting inquiries on the Dianella model residence or The Islands. For previews, call 850 6986 and 850 2868 or visit www.brittany.com.ph.

OPENING the window shutters allows the suns rays to liven up the already cheery Jamaican pink walls of the girl's bedroom.

PROPERTY

DOLMAR is now completing a six-story Mediterranean-style building—the first of four L-shaped structures.

THIS is a sample design of the living and dining room of the two-bedroom bi-level unit.

Mid-rise frenzy: going up?

By Charles E. Buban

WHEN MOST FAMILIES IN Metro Manila think of residential growth, the image that usually comes to mind is of bungalows sprawling out in every direction.

Lately, though, residential growth seems to be heading in another way—straight up.

Over the past year, Metro Manila has become awash in plans for mid-rise condominiums or developments five to 10 levels high.

"I believe that's the way to go. The reason is the rising cost of owning a bungalow property in Metro Manila and the fact that there's not much available space here where a developer can build horizontal development projects," said Erwin Pineda, business development sales and marketing senior manager of Dolmar Property Ventures (www.dolmar.com.ph).

Along with high-rise developments, mid-rise development is gaining momentum among developers including DPV, which after 30 years of making a name in horizontal developments decided to venture into mid-rise development. These horizontal developments include Dolmar Golden Hills Subdivisions in Marilao and Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

Price within their reach

"A mid-rise development will give us the opportunity to provide our market high-quality units but at the price still within reach. Furthermore we will be able to provide them first-class amenities and a not too crowded environment common in most high-rise developments," said Pineda.

DPV is now completing the first of its four building structures of Dolmar Golden Heights Residences, a 7,700-sq-m development on Elisco Road in Pasig City.

The 82 units of Building A, to be turned over by year end, are priced from P1.1 million (studio), P1.4 million (one-bedroom), P2 million (two-bedroom), to P5 million (three bedroom).

"Increasingly, homebuyers are looking for better value for money and moving away from traditional residences," said Pineda.

Mediterranean-inspired structures

According to architect Brian John Mangio, managing partner of Nestor S. Mangio and Associates and chief designer of Dolmar Golden Heights Residences, the whole development will be composed of four Mediterranean-style buildings with tiled roof and huge windows, using earth colors.

The architect explained the building's design creates the illusion of a charming seaside European village.

"Offering the feeling of a private home, with all the conveniences and amenities available, the Mediterranean-inspired architecture evokes the grandeur of European elegance, yet the latest in technology will enhance building security and amenities in the residences," revealed Mangio.

He added that once completed, the four L-shaped buildings will face each other such that there will be ample space in the middle. A landscaped green space will occupy about 60 percent of the whole property.

"Such breathing space—composed of parks and common areas—is important for the residents considering that today's urban families long for some space, fresh air and greenery. It will be their refuge from the concrete jungle," said Mangio.

Within this 4,000-sq-m central area, DPV also located the swimming pool, multipurpose court, and playground.

No documents required

To make the project even more affordable to its target market, DPV is offering its "no documents required in-house financing scheme." This does away with documents like proof of income, income tax return and employment certificates usually required when availing homes.

"We don't want to burden our home buyers with needless requirements," said Pineda.

Also, home buyers may avail of Dolmar Golden Heights Residences units at no down payment or zero equity schemes or through Pag-Ibig's long-term financing scheme if they are Pag-Ibig members.

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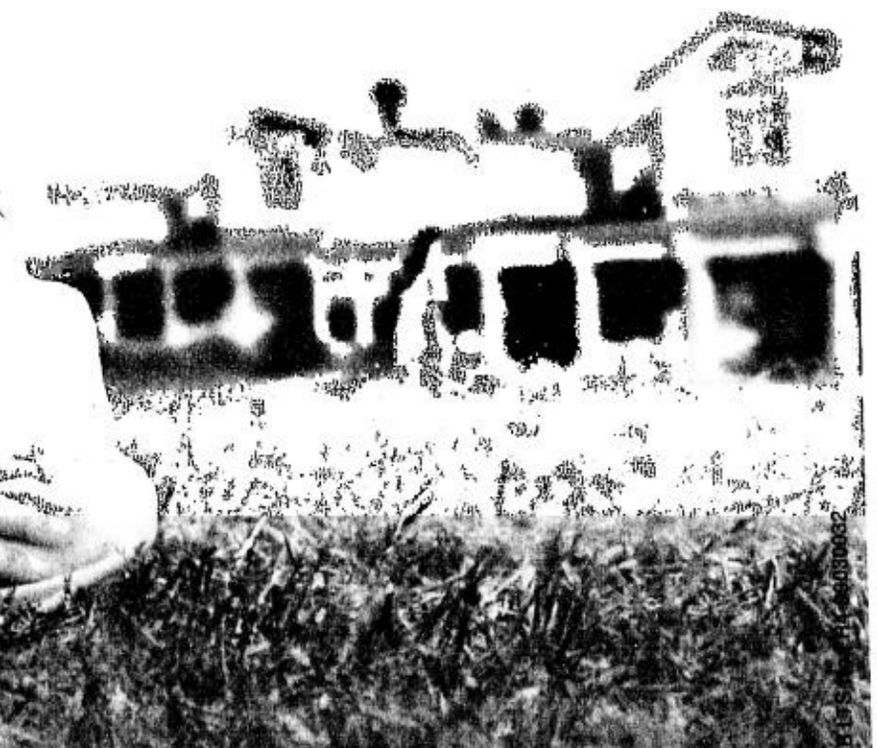

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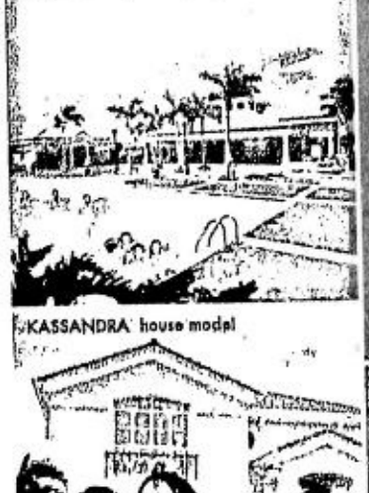
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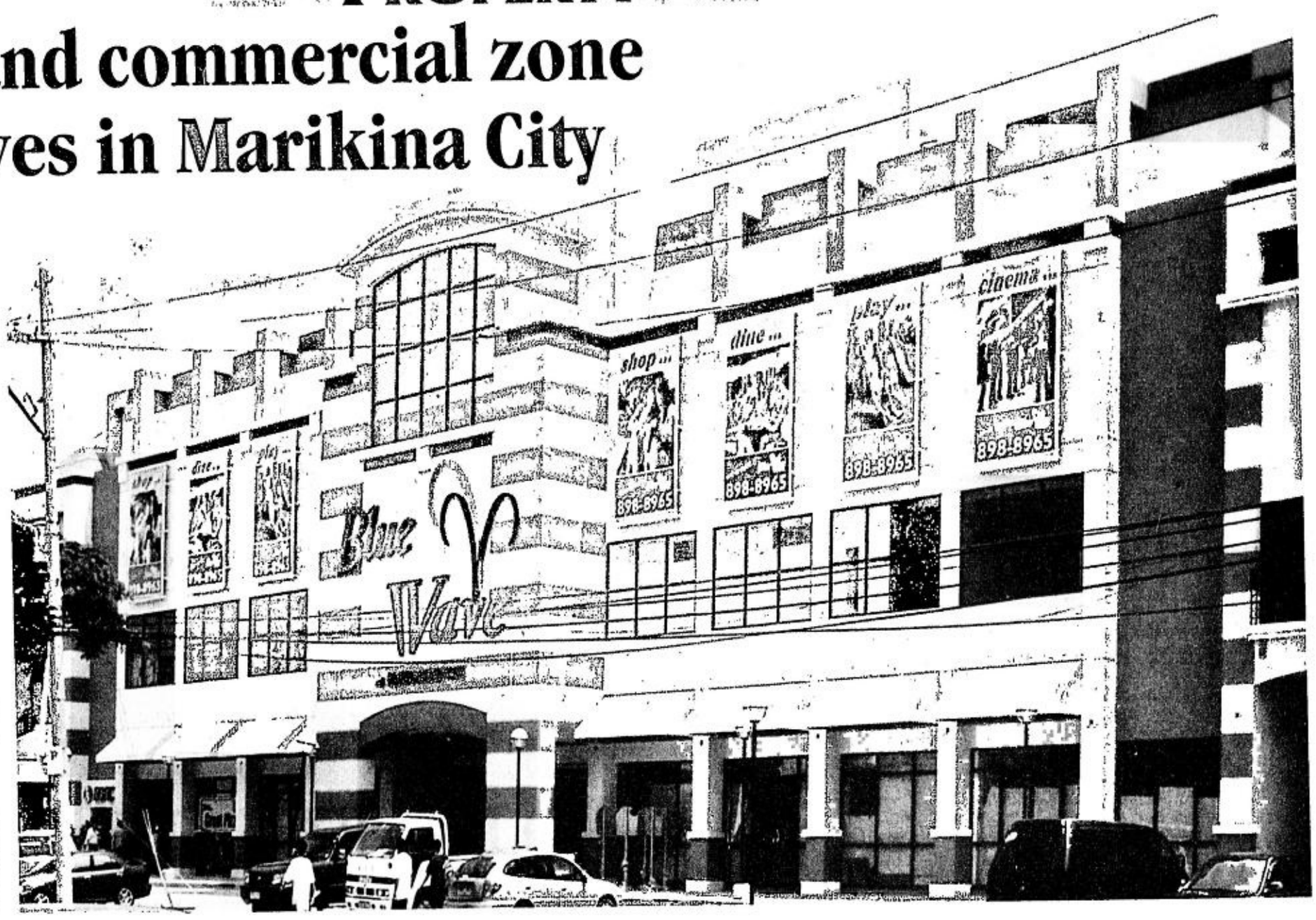
Federal Land commercial zone makes waves in Marikina City

MARIKINA CITY IS emerging as one of Metro Manila's hot spots with the latest, trendy commercial hangout. Welcome to Blue Wave at Marquinton, an urban leisure haven with a cozy and relaxing atmosphere.

Managed by Federal Land, property arm of the Metrobank Group, it follows the success of the first Blue Wave outlet at Metropolitan Park on Macapagal Avenue, widely regarded as one of the best-looking and best-managed strip malls in the country today.

Marikina is acknowledged as one of the best cities in the Philippines in terms of cleanliness, peace and order as well as traffic management. Blue Wave is the city's first commercial development for more than a decade.

"We chose Marikina as the site of one of our biggest projects because developers have ignored it for so long despite its potential," Blue Wave Mall's president, Edward Tan said.



BLUE Wave Marquinton

Retail, service outlets

The three-story Blue Wave at Marquinton features major retail and service establishments. Food aficionados need not worry about satisfying their palate's cravings with the diverse food enterprises like Yellow Cab, Superbowl, Starbucks, Gerry's Grill, Jollibee Foods Corp., Max's Fried Chicken, KFC, Pancake House and Pizza Hut.

It also features a myriad of nonfood establishments like Watson's, Swatch, Kodak, Innove Communication, Mendrez Shoes, Rusty Lopez Rock Island, and Timezone arcade. While Angels' Playroom,. Jun Encarnacion beauty salon, Dental Clinic, Facial Salon, Globelines, and Watch Shop are some of the mall's service establishments.

4 cinemas

Blue Wave in Marikina is also equipped with four state-of-the-art cinemas so film lovers can enjoy the latest motion picture releases without having to go to crowded malls. Each with a 278-seating capacity, the movie houses are outfitted with the latest Dolby Digital EX sound system, famous worldwide for its "surround sound" that enables cinemas to create a greater impact on moviegoers.

Fully committed to continuously elevate the art of movie viewing, Blue Wave at Marquinton is looking forward to hosting film festivals and movie premieres. Schedule of daily screenings can be accessed through the Blue Wave trunk line at 934-1924 and 934-1927.

Ideal place

Blue Wave is located within Marquinton, a cluster of medium-rise residential and commercial condominiums. Property buyers hankering for a lifestyle that integrates residential and leisure elements will find an ideal place in the P5-billion, 17-hectare masterplanned community east of Metro Manila. For inquiries, please contact 889-6414 or 889-4900, log on to www.federalland.com.ph or e-mail inquiry@federalland.com.ph.

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FIFTH AVENUE PLACE GROUNDBREAKING

Fifth Avenue Place (FAP), Robinsons Land Corp.-High Rise Buildings Division's premier development in Fort Bonifacio Global City, recently held its groundbreaking ceremony.From left are architect Alejandro M. Conflado, president, Amcon project managers; Danilo E. Ignacio, general manager, RLC-HRBD; Taguig City Mayor Sigfrido Tinga and his wife Kaye; Isa P. Mercado, CEO, IPM Construction & Development Corp.; architect Wennie Abad, Associate, W.V. Coscolluela & Associates, and engineer Emmanuel G. Arce, project director, RLC-HRBD.

Court junks claim suit vs Cuevasville Realty

THE COURT OF APPEALS RECENTly upheld the rights of Cuevasville Realty Development Corp. to develop and sell subdivision lots in its sprawling property in Molino Bacoor, Cavite.

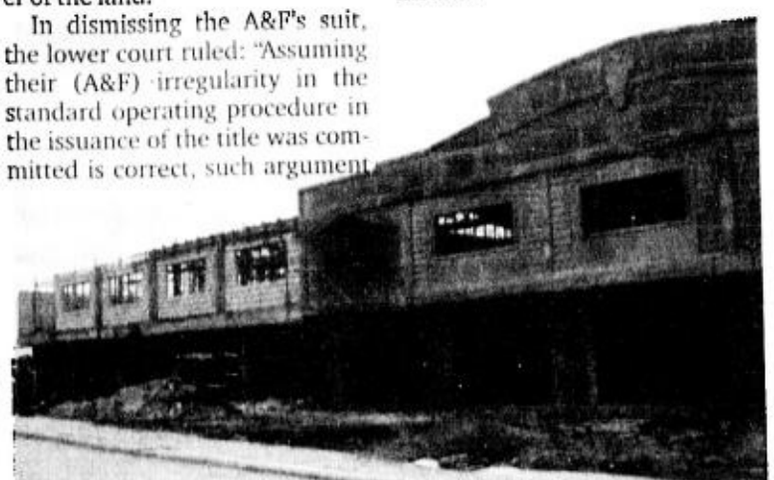
The CA effectively scuttled efforts of A& F Development Corp. to gain possession of the prime property which A&F alleged it owned since 1968.

In a resolution it issued in October 2005, the CA affirmed the decision of the Cavite Regional Trial Court which in January last year denied A&F's motion to take control of the property for lack of merit. A&F pleaded its case before the CA in September and was again rebuffed for the same reason.

Both the lower and appellate courts agreed with Cuevasville that it is not prohibited by law to continue its development and sale of the property since Cuevasville was the rightful owner of the land.

In dismissing the A&F's suit, the lower court ruled: "Assuming their (A&F) irregularity in the standard operating procedure in the issuance of the title was committed is correct, such argument holds no water in the case at hand. The issue before us is the probability of the commission of falsification and estafa and not the nullity of the title ... In a criminal case for falsification of a document, it is indispensable that the document alleged to have been simulated, counterfeited or falsified be presented in order that it may be determined whether the probability of the crime exists. In this regard, the investigating prosecutor finds to prima facie evidence to prove that the crime of falsification and use of falsified documents and estafa have been committed..."

With the decision, Cuevasville can now go full throttle in its subdivision development projects in Bacoor. Initial phases of its subdivision projects have in fact been done and sold out. It is now gearing up for its latest project, which will be unveiled to the public this month.



TENANTS of Cuevasville Subdivision's planned commercial complex will enjoy first-class amenities. The property firm's right to develop and sell subdivision lots was affirmed by the Court of Appeals which recently junked efforts of A&F Development Corp. to gain possession of the prime property which A&F Development alleged it owned since 1968.

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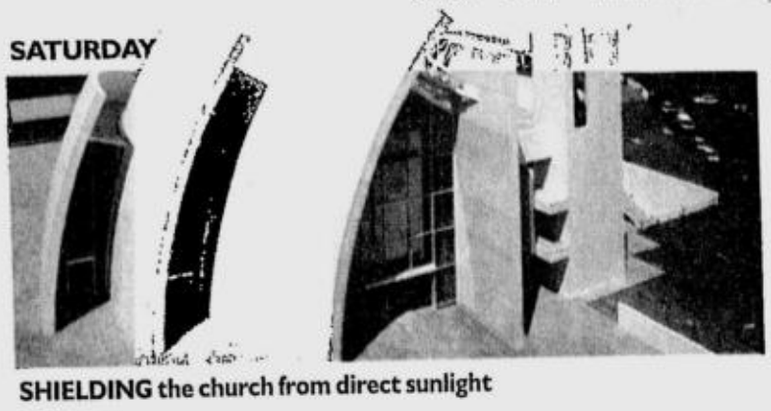
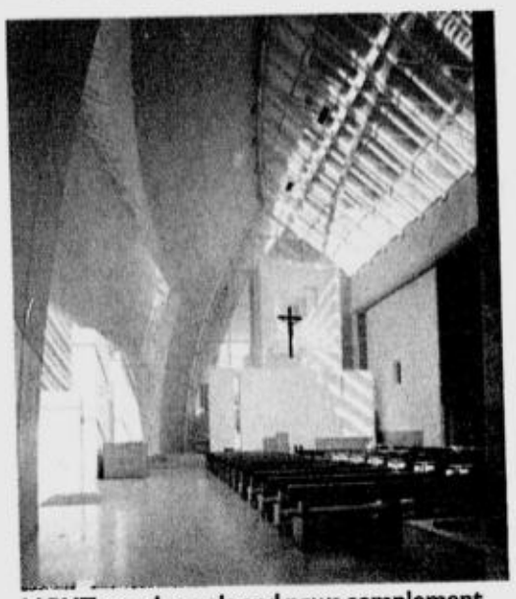


SHIELDING the church from direct sunlight

A 'sailing' church

AMAZING STRUCTURES



LIGHT wood panels and pews complement the bright white church.

AT FIRST GLANCE, YOU'D MOST probably think it's a museum or an art gallery. That is until you notice the minimalist-looking crucifix and five-bell tower which give this structure's identity away.

Sitting on a busy suburb in Tor Tre Teste, Rome, amid 1970s apartment blocks, the Jubilee Church (Parish Church of Dio Padre Misericordioso) does not look like your usual church. This one has floor-to-ceiling glass panels and skylights.

Shielding the church

And as if those novel features aren't enough, three concrete shells measuring 56 to 88 ft high curve in graduated heights above the church. The shells, which are supposed to suggest the Holy Trinity, seem like white sails blowing against the wind and at the same time shielding the church from too much direct sunlight.

Concrete, stucco, travertine and glass were the materials used in the construction of this bright white church which was built from 1998 to 2003. The glass floods the entire structure with natural light and gives it an otherwordly feel at night when light emanates from within the church.

For jubilee celebrations

The $10-million project by architect Richard Meier was commissioned by the Archdiocese of Rome for its Jubilee celebrations and endorsed by the late Pope John Paul II.

Inside, the church has a main sanctuary that can sit approximately 240 people, a day chapel which sits 24 and a baptistery. It also has a four-level community center which is used as a gathering place for social, educational and recreational purposes. *Dianne M. Villafuerte*

Int'l arbitration conference set Nov. 25 at Westin

VICTOR P. LAZATIN, SENIOR PARTNER AND arbitration expert of Accralaw and president of the Philippine Institute of Construction Arbitrators (Pica), announced today that the 3rd International Conference on Construction Arbitration will be held at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel on Nov. 25.

Three renowned foreign speakers will be featured in the whole-day conference which is coorganized by Pica, the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc. (PDRCI) and the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (Ciac) and which starts at 8 a.m. They are Joanne CF Long from Singapore, the Asia consultant for arbitration and amicable dispute resolution of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); Peter Turner from Hong Kong, senior consultant, Construction and Arbitration Group, Herbert Smith Inc.; and Chow Kong Fong from Malaysia, managing director of Equitas Corp. and chair of the Society of Construction Law.

Other speakers

They will be joined by two very well-known Filipino authorities on arbitration—Alfredo Tadiar, law professor and acknowledged "father of alternative dispute resolution in the Philippines," and Dean Custodio O. Parlade, ICC chair of the committee on international arbitration and eminent author of various books and papers on arbitration.

Chow will speak on the topic of "Adjudication of Construction Disputes" while subsequent speakers will talk on the features and advantages of arbitration under different rules and jurisdictions, Long on "Arbitration of Construction Disputes under ICC Rules," Turner on "Arbitration of Construction Disputes under Uncitral Rules" and Tadiar on "Arbitration of Construction Disputes under Ciac Rules." At the end of the conference, Dean Parlade will recap the "Similarities and Differences of Arbitration under Ciac, ICC and Uncitral Rules."

For realty practitioners

The conference is intended for local and foreign project owners, developers, contractors, technical consultants, lawyers and the public who are involved in public or civil works, construction of buildings and other infrastructures, land/urban development, power and utilities, project management, consultancy and other construction-related activities. It will provide participants with valuable insights on the applicable rules and advantages of the various modes and for construction arbitration, as an alternative to costly and lengthy court proceedings.

Registration fee for the conference is pegged at P4,000 for local participants and UN$100 for foreign participants, which will include the cost of lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, handouts and conference kits. Registrations may be made through the Pica secretariat at 893-6955 and telefax 893-6956 and the PDRCI secretariat at 817-6928 and telefax 812-3302.

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St. Francis Towers: a cut above the rest

By Charles E. Buban

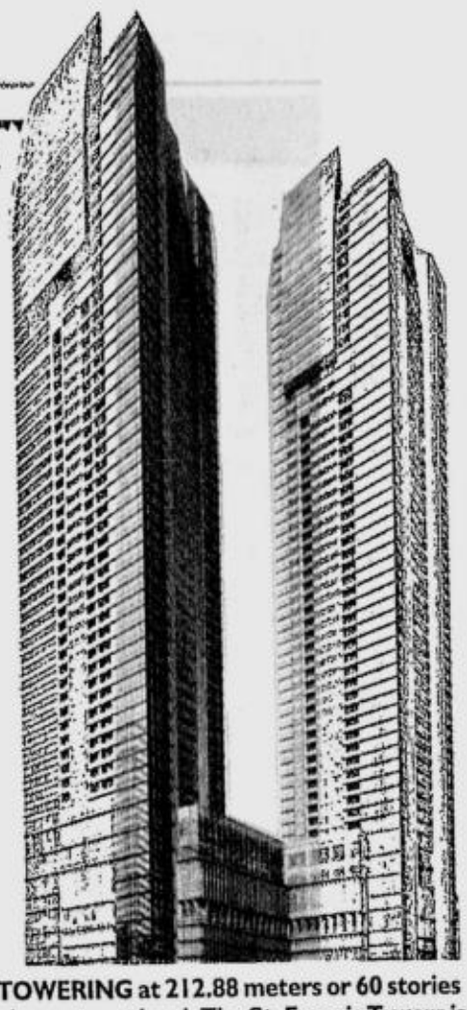
SKYSCRAPERS MAY BE A BIG CITY thing, but as work starts on the soon-to-be the country's tallest residential building, we now wonder why more and more people are reaching for the skies.

Indeed, there is an increasing number of people looking to sample the best that city living has to offer and developers are more than willing to literally rise to the challenge of providing them with a new generation of high-rise residential towers.

"I believe this country is ready for an ultra-chic high-rise condominium to rival those going up in other big cities abroad," said architect Jose Pedro Recio of Recio+Casas Architects.

Recio+Casas Architects, together with Hong Kong-based Wong Tung International Ltd. (WTIL), was tapped by The Shang Grand Tower Corp. to lead the construction of The St. Francis Towers located at the corner of Shaw Boulevard and St. Francis Street in Mandaluyong City.

MENDOZA showed how luxury living can be made possible even in the relatively confined space of a condominium unit.



TOWERING at 212.88 meters or 60 stories above street level, The St. Francis Towers is set to become the country's tallest residential condominium by 2009.

Tallest in the country

Once completed by 2009, The St. Francis Towers—whose two structures will rise 212.88 meters or 60 stories above street level—is set to become the country's tallest residential condominium.

"It's got a prestigious name, and people are always impressed by prestige," said Casas who revealed The St. Francis Towers is hoping to attract upper-middle-income families, young professionals, singles, couples, retirees and *balikbayans* looking for a second home or a place to stay in after retirement.

Citing one reason for the rising demand, Recio noted high-rise homes is appealing to these market since it could offer them a sense of calm. "A lot of people enjoy a sense of privacy and security whenever they look out their window and see themselves towering over their surroundings," he said

ERFE introduced textures and colors to this bedroom to achieve a warm and classy modern look.

Modern, contemporary

Recio revealed that their Hong Kong counterpart's architectural concept for The St. Francis Towers is in line with modern, contemporary style of high-rise residential structures using state-of-the-art architectural and structural systems.

"Each tower will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and security system, accentuated by six high-speed elevators that will allow its residents to go to different floors, go in and out of the building fast, or quickly access the concierge service, 24-hour convenience store or laundromat located located within the condominium," said Recio.

He added the towers will also be wireless fidelity (WiFi) ready.

600 units per tower

The St. Francis Towers, which will offer 600 units per tower, will offer five types of units: a studio measuring 35 sq m; a one-bedroom unit measuring 55 sq m; a two-bedroom unit measuring 100 sq m; a one-level penthouse measuring 180 sq m; and a bi-level ground penthouse measuring 250 sq m.

Residents will be provided with first-class leisure and recreational facilities including a mini theater, videoke rooms, clubhouse with gym and aerobics room, games room with sports lounge, spa, sauna and massage rooms, adult and kiddie swimming pools, jacuzzi, children's play areas, and an Internet center as well as nine levels devoted to parking.

With its central location, The St. Francis Towers will be accessible to business and retail establishments, schools, hospitals and the mass rail transport system and will be linked via air-conditioned passageways to Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, the Shangri-La Plaza mall, Shang Cineplex and the MRT Shaw Station.

2nd residential dev't

The St. Francis Towers is the second residential development of The Shang Grand Tower Corp. (the first one being The Shang Grand Tower in Makati City), an affiliate of the world-renowned Kuok Group, which is behind the development of The Enterprise Center on Ayala Avenue, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts and other premier luxury developments in China, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia.

Prospective buyers can now visit The St. Francis Towers model units designed by the country's three renowned interior designers—Ivy Almario, Alicia Erfe and Anton Mendoza—located beside Shangri-La Plaza mall.

Almario's design, whom she referred to as "warm minimalism," was given a contemporary feel through the use of clean lines, beige on beige with accents of orange saffron in the living room and a taupe and off-white scheme for the master's bedroom.

Colors were the unifying design element, according to Almario, who chose colors that are smart, elegant and sophisticated.

Contemporary-eclectic

Erfe's design, on the other hand, followed the contemporary-eclectic motif.

Taking off from the existing design directions that focused on the upscale market, she introduced textures and colors to achieve a cool and fresh feel in some areas, and a warm and classy modern look in others.

Cozy and classy color schemes were enhanced with the use of accent fabrics on pillows and beddings.

For his part, Mendoza wanted to show how luxury living can be made possible even in the relatively confined space of a condominium unit.

For him, it was just a matter of opening up the rooms by strategic use of color and materials so he chose all natural fibers like linen and silk, Anton created an east-meets-west theme, with an eastern-inspired fabric manufactured in France.

Home is where Christine's heart is

FILIPINOS CHEERED FOR HER during the Olympics and the SEA Games, then wholeheartedly embraced her when she dived into showbiz with her broken Tagalog and her off-key singing. The audience must have sensed the easy charm and earnestness of Christine Jacob.

These days, still looking lovely and fit, Christine has chosen to stay at home to become a full-time wife and mom. Paco Sandejas and Christine, who first met in a swimming club when they were just 10 years old, tied the knot in July 1999. They started house construction around November of that year and moved in their new home in February 2001.

The Sandejases' residence in Ayala Alabang Village is often described by friends as having the feel of a gazebo—it's open and airy, with plants all over. Husband Paco, an engineer, took charge of designing the beautiful, well-ventilated home that successfully melds style, function and nature (the pool, one of Christine's favorite areas in the house, was designed with pretty blue tiles that absorb heat).

When the structure was being constructed, the couple decided to get preventive termite treatment for their home and had Sentricon installed. "Most of our things are wood and we're concerned about termites," recounts Christine.

Revolutionary technology

Sentricon Termite Colony Elimination System is a revolutionary baiting technology from Dow AgroSciences, the industry leader in pest control technologies and training. Considered by foreign and local experts as the best possible protection for homes and properties, Sentricon helps preserve the White House, the Statue of Liberty, some Philippine historical sites, and many properties across the globe.

Paco and Christine signed on Pest-Away as the pest control firm that would put Sentricon to work. Pest-Away Exterminating Supply and Service is an authorized operator of Sentricon, owned and managed by husband-and-wife team Arlene and Doy David. Arlene, whose father is involved in the distribution of pest control products, enrolled in the Entrepreneurship Program of the Asian Institute of Management which required her to establish her own company. From an initial capital of P40,000 and manpower consisting of Arlene, her husband plus a technician in 1999, Pest-Away has grown tremendously and continues to enjoy the trust of many clients.

Regular inspections

Customers whose homes have been protected by Sentricon appreciate that the system is so discreet since its installation and monitoring can be achieved without entering the structure. "It's so easy, I don't even notice that they're here! They just come and do their job," Christine talks of Pest-Away's inspections.

"I remember when I lived in Dasma with my mom, we always had to leave the house during fumigation. With our babies now, we can't allow something like that here," she explains. Thankfully, Sentricon System is odor-free, environment-friendly, not likely to disturb landscaping, and for tenants' peace of mind, all Sentricon stations have child-resistant caps.

Home and property owners who want to stop the destruction due to termites or prevent it from ever occurring can call Sentricon at 815-9273, 840-3874 or visit the website at www.sentricon.com. Or they can contact Pest-Away at 861-3403, 862-2973, 861-3404, 861-7378, fax at or e-mail pestaway@gmail.com. Christine's experience with Sentricon has been positive: "All I know is that we haven't had any termites ... that should say that the system is pretty good. We can't complain!"

Home is forever

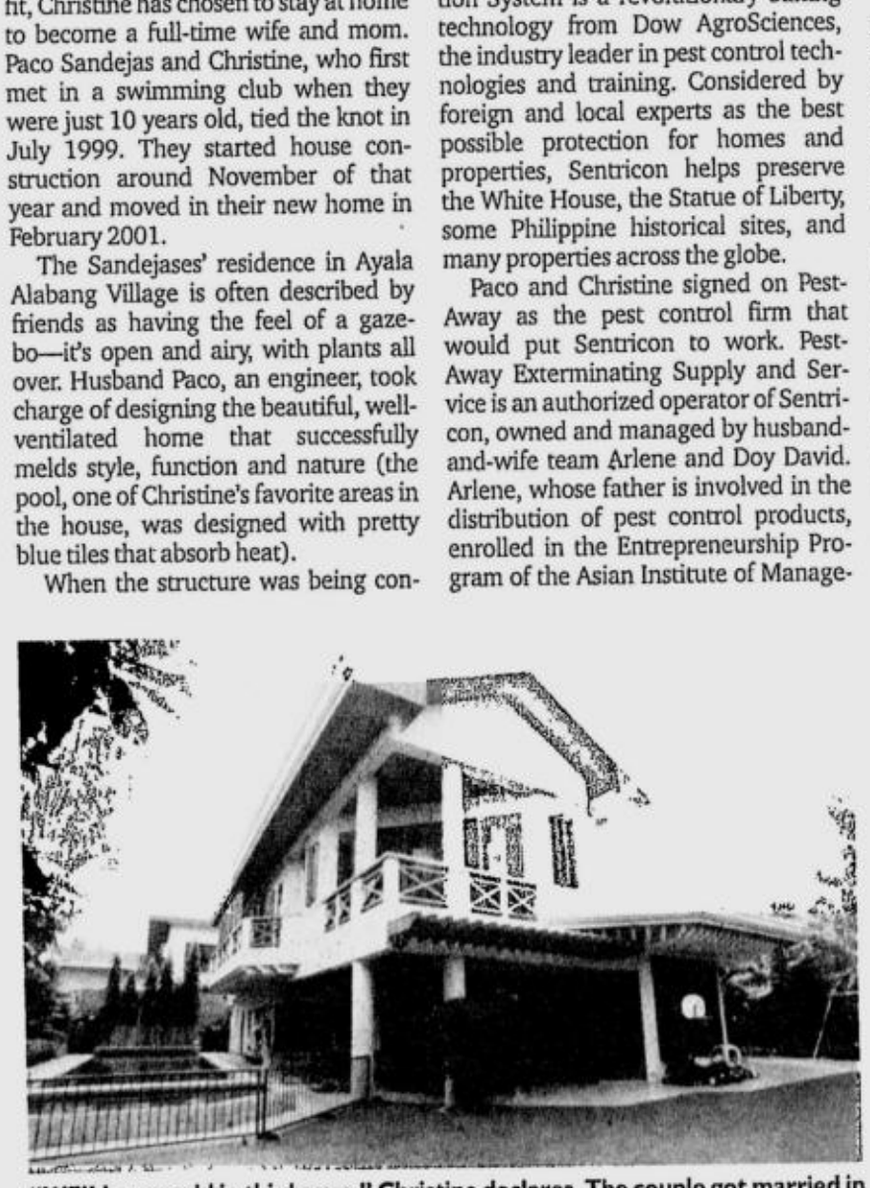
Christine is very hands-on with her children: she breastfeeds her youngest who just turned one, brings the two older kids to school and picks them up, and does a lot of swimming with the children and Paco.

She had her "bouts of cooking" when she was pregnant with her son and even went to cooking school but the culinary attempts ceased when all the kids came out. Thankfully, her retirement from cooking and television is only temporary. GMA 7 recently signed her on to do a weekly cooking show and she's very excited about this new development. For sure, her fans and colleagues will be more than glad to welcome her back.

Simple wish

Her wish for her children is simple: "I hope that they will grow up to be happy, guided by the right values."

Christine Jacob harvested many medals in swimming and is set to resume her show biz career. But home will always be her priority. "We'll grow old in this house. And even if one day we plan to move and we want to sell the house, it would be easier to sell since it's not broken down, it's not run down." Christine ponders, "When you build a house, you want it forever so you really take care of what you have."



"WE'LL grow old in this house," Christine declares. The couple got married in July 1999, had the house built in November and moved in their new home sometime in February 2001.

FRIENDS of Christine and Paco agree that staying in their home is like resting in a roomy, breezy gazebo.

SERENE: The service area at left, the infinity pool, the clerestory window at the living area and the private quarters are all visible from the rear view of the Yamato at Tokyo Mansions.

South Forbes to launch Tokyo Mansions next week

SERENE. SIMPLE. SUBLIME. THESE ARE three powerful words that best describe the Tokyo Mansions, which South Forbes Golf City is launching next week.

The overall architectural design of the Tokyo Mansions, the modern Zen interiors, and the Asian landscaping combine to create a serene atmosphere unlike any other. Simple, straight lines for the walls, windows and roofs are featured all over the home. Bamboos in straight lines perfectly accent what could be the most sublime spot in every Tokyo Mansion: its own infinity pool.

The two biggest Tokyo Mansions model units—Meiji and Yamato—are a study in contrast. Meiji, which will be built at a corner lot facing the Tokyo Mansions clubhouse, features an inverted L-shaped house. Its strikingly beautiful design can be readily observed from the outside, and guests will notice immediately the infinity pool at the lot's corner.

Japanese shingles were used for the roofing. These dark, simple roof tiles contrast strongly against the white walls. On the rear side of the roof, wooden rafters further give the Meiji Mansion a distinct Japanese character. Just across the living room, linear bamboo plants give a rural effect to the Meiji Mansion.

The Yamato, however, is strikingly subdued from the entrance. A gracefully curved roof and a blank white wall welcome guests.

Design impact

But once the door opens, the impact of the design becomes eminent. The curved roof of the living room reaches to 20 feet, and a clerestory window at its highest point gives residents a clear view of the blue sky and offers the house an interesting interplay of light and shadows from sunrise to sunset, and of course a view of the night sky and its amazing array of stars.

The layout of the Yamato Mansion was designed to conform to the sloping terrain of the land. The trapezoidal lot allows easy separation of four functional areas of the Yamato: living room up front, service quarters on the right, the lanai and infinity pool at the middle, and the private quarters to the left. This also creates a distinct sense of space in the 525-square-meter mansion.

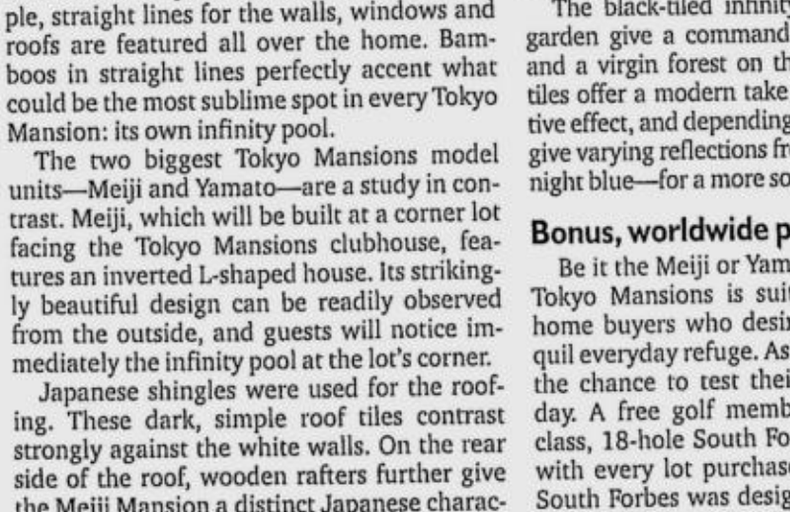
The black-tiled infinity pool and Zen rock garden give a commanding view of the river and a virgin forest on the horizon. The black tiles offer a modern take on the pool's decorative effect, and depending on the sunlight, these give varying reflections from dark green to midnight blue—for a more sophisticated feel.

Bonus, worldwide perks

Be it the Meiji or Yamato, the design of the Tokyo Mansions is suited for sophisticated home buyers who desire the ultimate, tranquil everyday refuge. As a bonus, they also get the chance to test their golfing skills every day. A free golf membership to the world-class, 18-hole South Forbes Golf Club comes with every lot purchase at Tokyo Mansions. South Forbes was designed by no other than Asia's leading golf course designer: the International Management Group.

In addition, South Forbes' affiliation with the exclusive golf club of IMG Sports Club entitles Tokyo Mansions residents to worldwide perks: preferred access and discounted rates in 42 world-class golf courses worldwide. These include the Nirwana Bali Golf Club in the tropical paradise of Bali, the Moonah Links in Melbourne, and San Francisco's prestigious Presidio Golf Course, among many others.

For a more personal appreciation of the serene atmosphere and design of Tokyo Mansions, simply call (02) 635-8108 or (02) 636-4647 or click www.southforbes.com.



SIMPLE yet elegant: A gracefully sloping roof and a blank white wall welcome guests to an otherworldly experience at Yamato at Tokyo Mansions.

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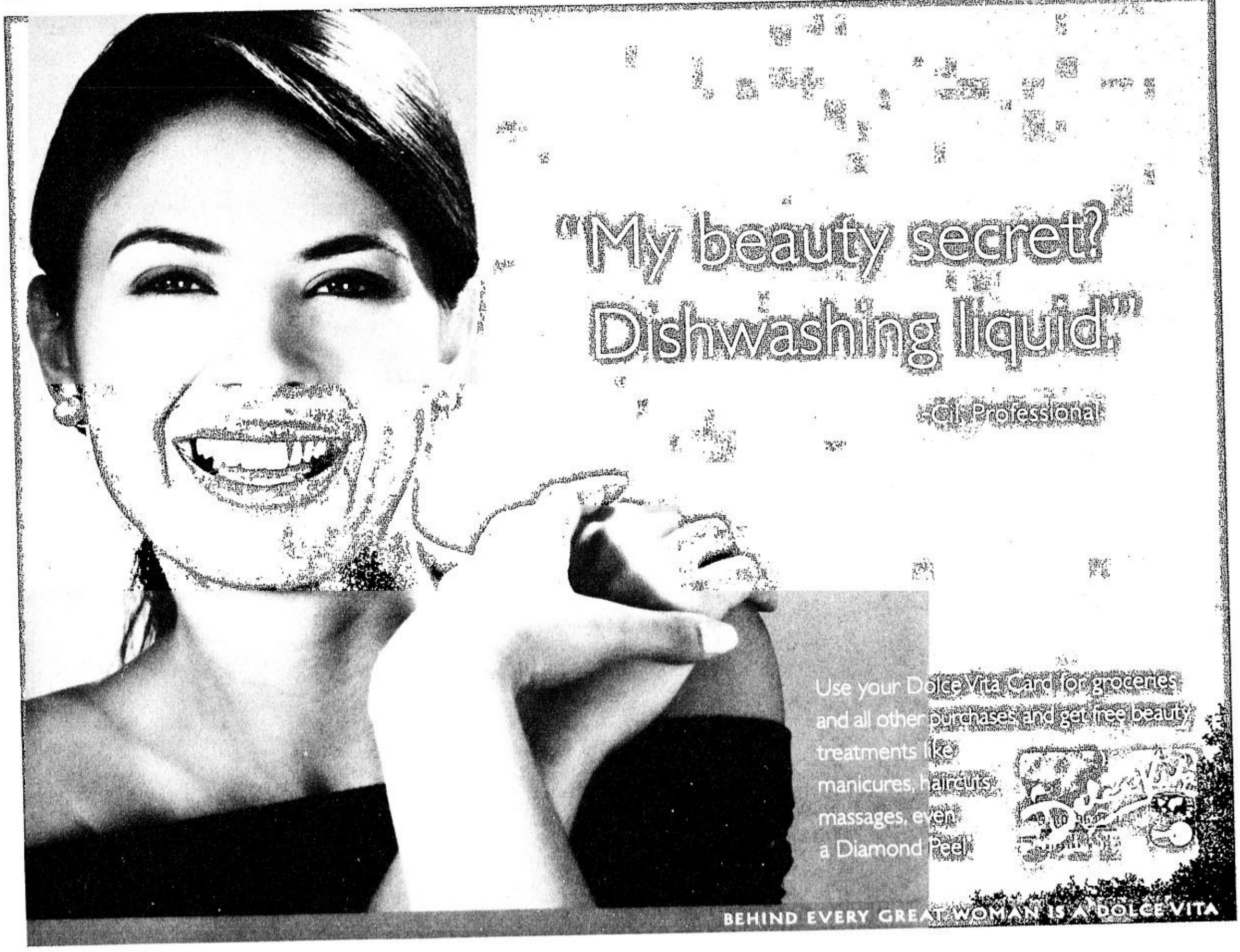

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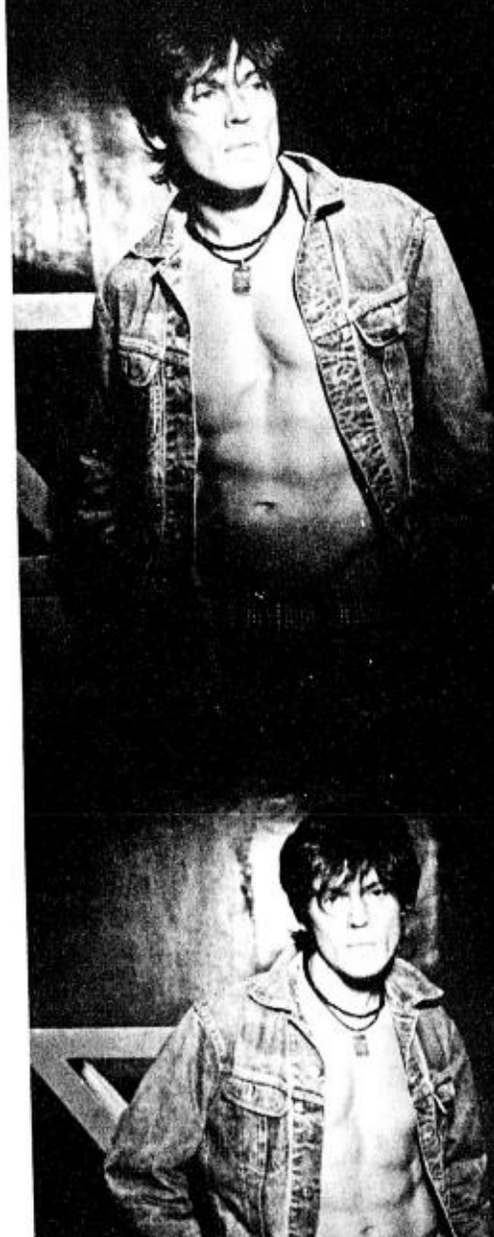

NOBODY USUALLY LIKES being told, "You were robbed!" Not unless you, say, joined a worldwide singing contest in search for the next lucky trooper to fill the shoes of a legendary rock star who killed himself in archetypal rock star fashion. Not unless you were so popular among a rock-savvy audience spanning three continents that you were swept by a tidal wave of votes into the final round.

Yet as fate and the ulterior designs of the universe would have it, you gracefully take third place, head bloody but unbowed—and still rock on. So when you're walking down the streets of New York and three girls in a passing car scream out, "You were robbed!!!" it wouldn't be such a bad thing after all.

It's been a little more than a month since MiG Ayesa rocked the house in the popular Hollywood-based show, "Rock Star INXS," which became the anti-"American Idol" because it screened bonafide rockers to fill the void left by Michael Hutchence. In other words, no William Hungs were allowed onstage.

MiG (yes, that's how it's spelled) had the honor of being the only contestant who never landed in the bottom three in the interactive text-in voting system. Perhaps you could credit that to the hordes of Pinoy fans from all over, who religiously tuned in to the show every week and exercised their textual prowess to keep the MiG flying. Their loyalty stemmed from MiG's ethnic background—he's Filipino, born in these shores to the prominent Legarda-Roces clan, raised in Sydney and currently residing in London. Yet to be fair, this wasn't the sole reason for his phenomenal popularity. Here was someone we could be proud of, a dynamite onstage. One night, he nailed Aerosmith's "Walk this Way" in spite of having a few days to memorize the tongue-twisting lyrics, and then in another episode, he serenaded the crowd with Peter Frampton's "Baby I Love Your Way." In this wired world, the response was instant, as Limewire was flooded by fans all eager to download his version as well as the original. And might we add, like a true rock star, MiG definitely knows how to rip off a shirt or two. Just enough to keep 'em females screaming.

Up close, he pleasantly surprised us by being a bit of an anti-rock star, because he proved to be a really nice guy—none of the feigned bad boy antics, more like a no-BS, good vibes kinda guy with a warmth that's genuinely Pinoy.

Where have you been the past few days?

Just flew in from LA, London, Sydney, New York. Constantine and I were actually on the same flight coming here to Manila.

Elvis is to his pelvis as Mig is to his pelvic... bone. What is the MiG Ayesa diet?

I used to be a fat child, when I was 10 or 11. After that, I just got into doing exercise. I told myself, I didn't want to be chubby anymore. I do a lot of sit-ups everyday. I eat healthy and I feel more energized when I exercise. I'm an exercise fanatic. Also when I did the musical "We Will Rock You"—we did eight shows a week—that was a work out!

What's next after "Rock Star INXS?"

I trust the universe to put me where I need to be. One thing will lead itself to another.

Do you think not winning the tilt was a blessing in disguise?

It actually became much more favorable for me. Universal Records in New York just gave me a solo deal—to record rock songs done in a really raw way.

Do you think your theater background affected your chances of winning?

The one thing I didn't like about the show was that they kept on throwing my theater background at me like it was a negative thing. But I am not ashamed of it— I did "Grease," "Fame," "Rent," "We Will Rock You" (even "Pokemon" the musical). At 21, I performed in front of the Queen, I've worked hard and it was part of my career.

Prove you're truly Filipino.

My grandmother's house is across Malacañang!

Do people recognize you when you're out on the streets?

I get recognized in LA and New York, like when I'm walking down the street and people come up to me and say, "I voted for you! You should have won!" One time, in New York, there were three girls inside a passing car who screamed, "You were robbed!"

What do you think when people say that?

INXS had their own agenda—I respect that.

How do you feel about JD Fortune winning?

At first, JD was treating it like "Survivor," like a game where people had to boot each other out. It got tiring and boring. Later on, he became less threatened. The more he let himself be himself, he became better. We became good friends. He's learned from it. I wish him all the best. I don't envy his job, really. He'll always be compared to Michael Hutchence.

Favorite non-rock song?

Does "Lately" by Stevie Wonder count?

Did you guys get drunk every night at the rock star mansion?

The producers thought that getting us drunk would make for better television. In reality, we would sleep early to take care of our voices. You think we're super rock stars, but we're really dedicated musicians.

Were you always guarded, knowing that cameras were all around?

I was just being myself. I didn't want to sleep with one eye open.

How different is your life in London as compared to Los Angeles (where he will soon be based)?

Just less heavy coats—but it's like starting over again. When we moved to London, we had two suitcases. And then things just happened. It's really about "opening up to the universe." My wife's a bit psychic. She said, "I think we're going to America." And it happened!

Do you guys have kids?

We have a puppy called Powder—a white Maltese, 3 and a half years.

I like that name, Powder.

Haha, yeah! Like snow, you know, Powder!

Any emotional moments in the show?

I was devastated when Deanna Johnston left. I love Suzie Mc Neil. Jordis (Unga) and I were really close, too.

So how do you come up with your own rock star name?

Simple. You just combine the first syllable of your name plus the street of your alma mater.

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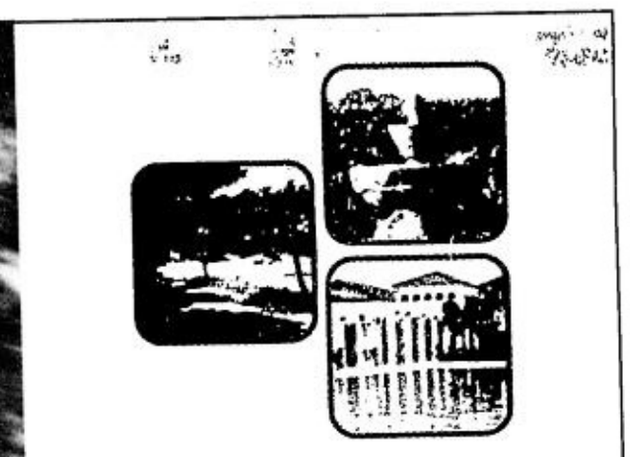

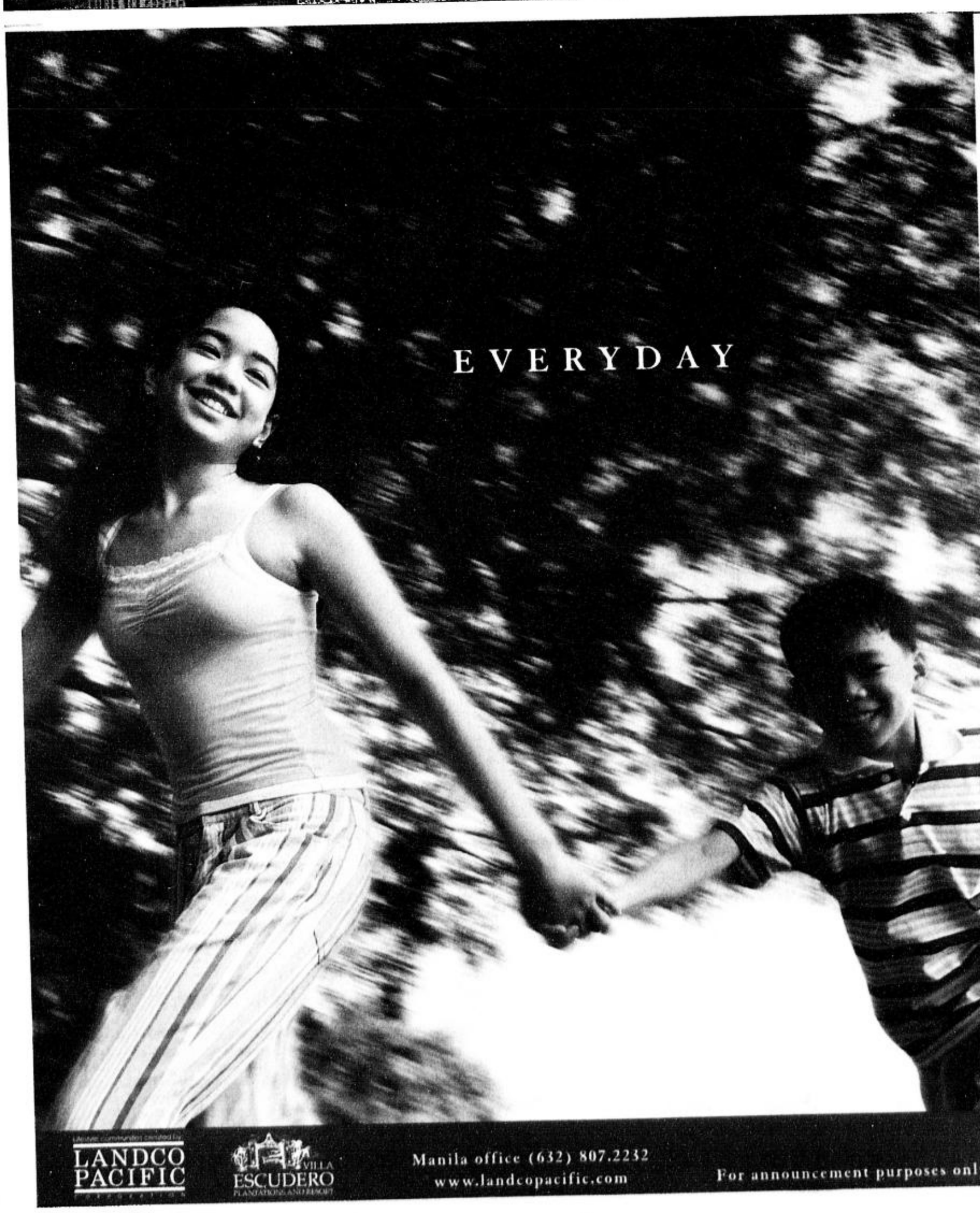

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Behind closed doors! Or how to trash a hotel room like a (wannabe) rock star

MIGGY STARDUST. Confessions on the Embassy dance floor.

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By Gino de la Paz

ROCK STARS UPHOLD CERTAIN STANdards of bird-flipping delinquency. Rock Star INXS finalist MiG Ayesa shares that, like the hip-grinding, groupie-hoarding, anthem-creating guitar gods that came before him, he, too, has followed this code. Nope, he hasn't done drugs in public or starred in one too many sex videos (at least none that we know of yet).

Rather, just like every college kid who's spent spring break in Cancun, MiG has trashed a hotel room. Scratch that. He's trashed a *model unit*. Okay, that may be wussy compared to Pete Doherty's antics but still, right? I mean, think about it: before you can bite the head off a bat like Ozzy, you have to start somewhere.

So taking off from MiG's sort of bad boy behavior, here are 8 tongue-in-cheek ways to act like a badass rocker. Sort of.

- Be with a naughty girl (or two), who has keys to a model unit.
- Fool around with said girl(s) and make one helluva mess. Crank call other rooms, TP your balcony, and as the ultimate act of defiance, raid the mini bar! *Ooohhh...*
- Forget tube socks. Use your manager and/or bouncer as a Do Not Disturb sign.
- Use the marble counter top to do lines of... Splenda. Whee! Artificial sugar rush!
- Write expletives in the bathroom. With invisible ink.
- Leave the toilet seat down while peeing. Pause. Repeat. Say it with me, *eeewww...*
- Order 24 hours worth of adult movies like... "The Bridges of Madison County," "*Mano Po*," and "The Chronicles of Riddick."
- Leave before the sun comes up, but make sure to leave behind a couple barn animals. Or groupies.

24/7 AWAKE AND ALIVE

Paolo R. Reyes
Janine Cuenca-Dario

Food Trip

24/7 DISCOVERED A SECRET RE-cently that Quezon City students, call center agents and Eastwood denizens have known for sometime. Before heading home from your after-hour escapades, swing by popular seafood grill Something Fishy [Eastwood City Libis, QC, phone: 421-2121]. They serve a monster breakfast buffet from 12 midnight to 10 a.m. for only P80! (We kid you not.) Chow down on everything from *tapa* to *palabok* to pancakes without burning your wallet. Calories, however, are another story.

If your famished stomach is feeling a little adventurous these days, trek to some food events this week.

Savour Nature Food Festival @ Greenbelt 3 Park, Nov. 23

Epicures and environmentalists, take note! Conservation organization WWF mounts their annual Savour Nature Food Festival on Wednesday at the Greenbelt 3 Park. Fifteen Greenbelt restaurants—Bizu, Café Havana, Casa Armas, Coffee Bean, D'Marks, Gaudi, Haagen-Dazs, Max Brenner, MyLK, People's Palace, Seafood Club, Segafredo, Sugi, Una Mas, and Zhongnanhai—whip up a sumptuous buffet-style banquet in honor of biodiversity. Get your tickets at the WWF Panda Booth (2nd Floor, Greenbelt 3) or call 920-7923.

Mujeres: My Christmas Wish List @ Ñ, Nov. 23 - Dec. 14

Cozy drink den ñ [Hidalgo Drive cor. Estrella Street, Rockwell Center, Makati, phone: 898-2472] holds a series of "boutique parties" every Wednesday night just in time for the coming holidays. While nursing your free cocktail from 7 to 9 p.m., check out the chic offerings of Souk's Ritchie Ortega and Faye Cunanan (Nov. 23), the fashionable bling-blings of Tweetie de Leon-Gonzalez, Tess Carlos, and Michelle Go (Nov. 30), the quirky creations of Kate Torralba (Dec. 7), and the bags of Denise Dizon, Monique Santos, Nicollete Bell, Lulei Avecilla, Jen Sarmiento, and Tamilla Tapales (Dec. 14).

Yee Haw! Burn Survivor Bar Tour @ Metrowalk, Nov. 26

Ditch the usual beer and wine one of these nippy November nights in favor of a Hottie Tottie Mai Tai or a Tiajuana Margarita. By ordering Tabasco-spiced cocktails and appetizers at selected bars in Metrowalk, Makati, Eastwood and The Fort, you may just find yourself the lucky recipient of an iPod Nano, a Canon digital camera, or an adventure travel package for three. Prepare your palate for an assault of fiery flavors! Call 920-5291.

Other Super! 24/7 events:

Nov. 19, Saturday

Joe Pizzulo & Teri de Sarlo at Araneta Coliseum; Tribute to George Canseco with Kuh Ledesma, Christian Bautista, Martin Nievera, Zsa Zsa Padilla and others at PICC; Supermodel Saturdays at Embassy Club; Soundsgood DJs at Embassy Cuisine; the launch of Pringles Ketchup at the "Get Popped...Don't Stop" dance, hip hop & R&B party at One Ayala at Hotel Intercontinental; the last Schu sale of the year during Ayala's Midnight Madness from Nov. 18 to 20 (Ground Floor, Glorietta 3)

Nov. 20, Sunday

ArtXchange at Lumiere Gallery, Locsin Bldg., Ayala Ave.; Gutsy Tuason exhibit at Greenbelt 3 Cinemas Lobby; Carlos Celdran's Walking Tour at Binondo & San Nicholas; Sugar-free Desserts at Peninsula Manila Lobby

Nov. 21, Monday

Color It Red at '70s Bistro; Freestyle at Tavern on the Square

Nov. 22, Tuesday

Panic with DJ Alessandra Tinio at Zen; Mishka Adams at '70s Bistro; Akafellas at Virgin Café, Tomas Morato

Nov. 23, Wednesday

Vixen Wednesdays with Superfly DJs at Embassy Cuisine; Isha at Mag:net Cafe Katipunan; Sino Sikat?, Severo, Alakpa, and Wunjo at Saguijo; Johnyverse & Mars Miranda at Embassy Club

Nov. 24, Thursday

Museum Foundation Advent Concert with pianist Raul Sunico & the UST Wind Orchestra at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park; Barbie Almalbis, Stonefree, Juana, Dicta License, & Join the Club at Racks El Pueblo

Nov. 25, Friday

Repertory Philippine's Man of La Mancha at Onstage, Greenbelt 1; True Faith at Virgin Café; Radioactive Sago Project, Ma Jam, and Triggerbliss at Saguijo

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GRAND party at Petit Palais in Paris to mark the opening of the Louis Vuitton flagship store on Champs Elysee

Tim Yap

IMAGINE WALKING INSIDE a monogrammed palace, with the Louis Vuitton logo from stairway to skyway—wouldn't you get palpitations and the sudden urge to whip out all your credit cards and scream, "I'll take it all!"

That was how I felt when I stepped inside Petit Palais, at the party's peak for Paris Fashion Week's party to end all parties. And to think I'm nothing compared to the LV fanatics that need to be exorcised upon seeing the all too powerful letters that symbolize power, fashion, heritage and exquisite craftsmanship.

One day before the grand opening of their giant Louis Vuitton store on Champs Elyseé (story on another Super! week), LVMH pulled all stops, gathered all the celebrity power they could muster and harnessed their collective energies to draft the guest list for this most exclusive LV affair.

Murakami characters

I made a mental note to be sober—the better to absorb the sensory overload that unfolded before my twinkling LV-filled eyes. The palace was frenetic with action. Walls with 360 degrees came to life with motion graphics of Parisian visuals. You walk one step, and Paris follows you. You stop, and it stops with you. Kinda creepy when you think of it, but you just had to be there to know what I'm enthusing about.

Just when you're following the image of Notre Dame, then *voila!* a poppy field of Murakami characters mushroom out of your surroundings. A nonstop hallucinogenic rabbit hole filled with a wonderland of characters ranging from a transvestite host wearing jockstraps to **Pharell Williams** rapping onstage to partiphiliacs wearing stuffed toys on their sleeves (been there, done that) follow soon after. And just when you think you're about to hit your peak, you see Tita **Baby Arenas**! Oh, I mean **Marilyn Manson**!

Back to earth, I meet so many people

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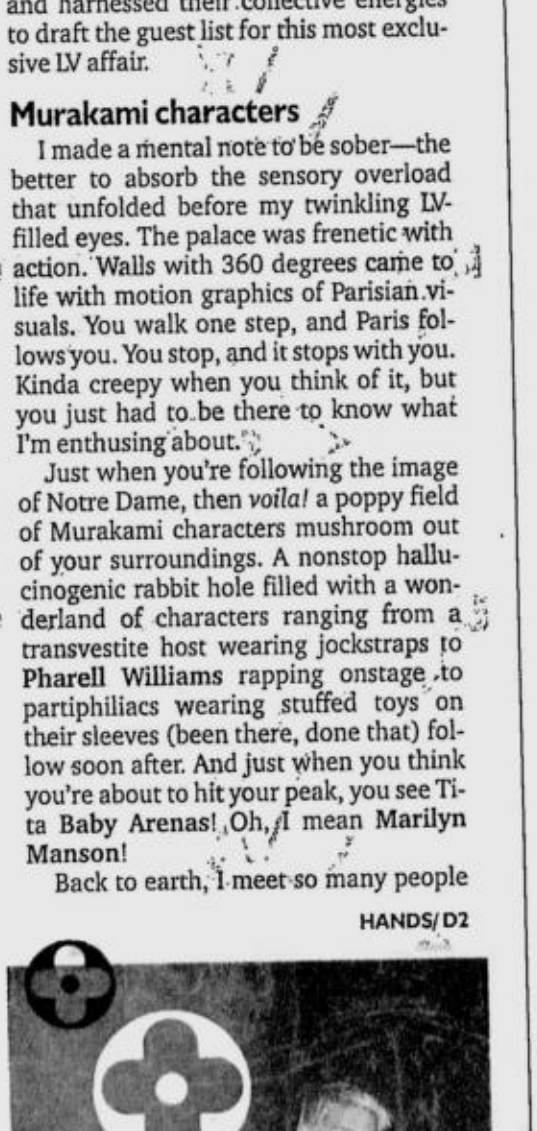

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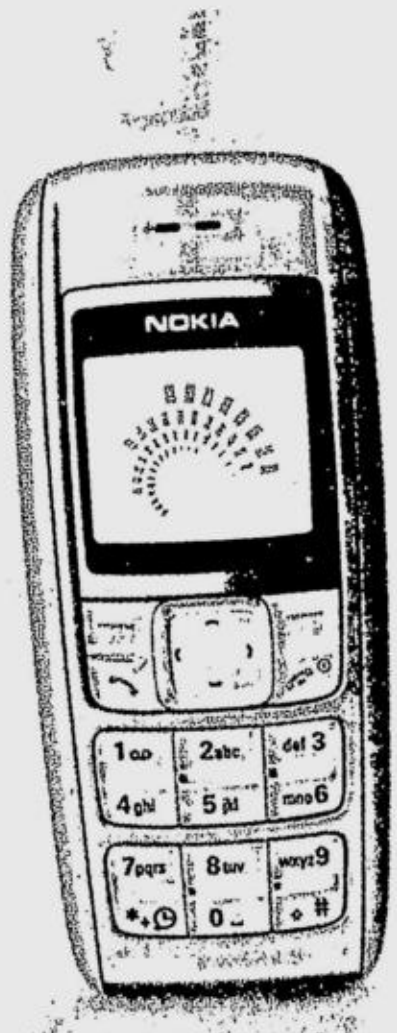

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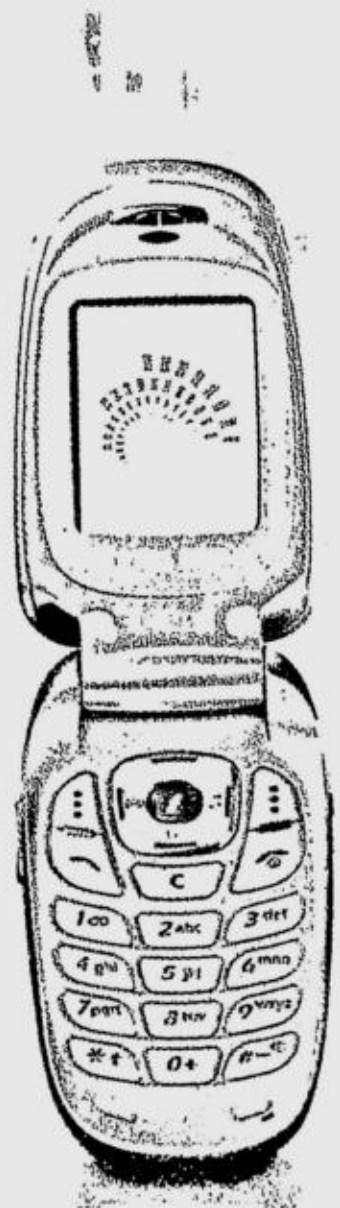

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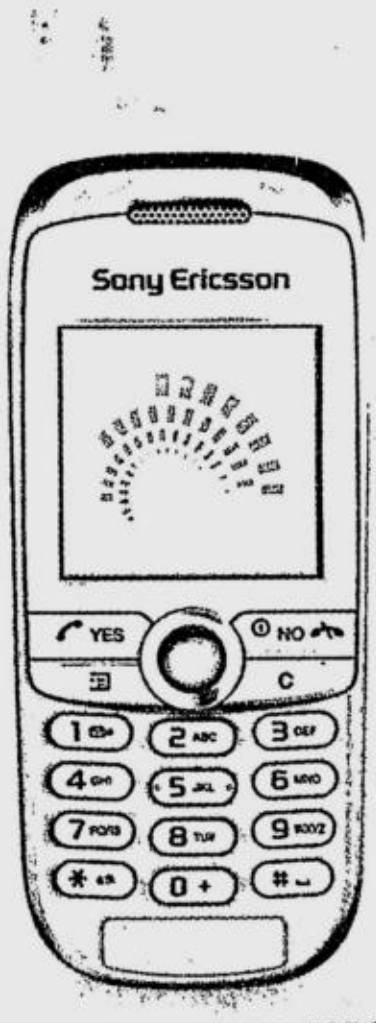

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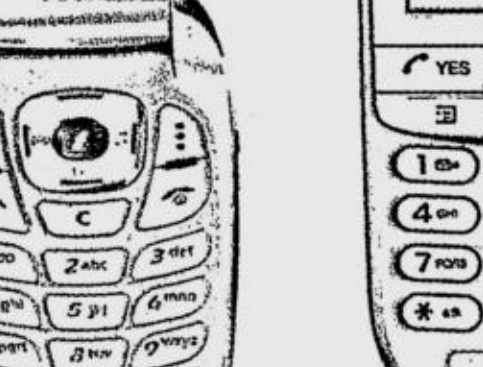

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Hands down, the LV party of the century

MY LITTLE LOUIS. Actress Shu Qi flaunts her latest toy; she arrived at the party with Chow Yun Fat

MODEL CLASS. Eva Herzigova still has it

JAGGED EDGE. Jade Jagger spotted at the LV party

A-LIST DESIGNER. The artistic visions of Azzedine Alaia

FROM ONE MARILYN TO ANOTHER. Tim Yap and Marilyn Manson

LV OF TROY. A face that can launch a thousand bags, Diane Kruger

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LATINA SEDUCTION. Salma Hayek after the LV runway show

BLAME YOUR OBSSESSION ON HIM. The famed designer Takashi Murakami

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WHO SAYS real men can't wear fur?

WATCH OUT. In the next Super! issues, the unveiling of the new Louis Vuitton flagship on Champs Elyseé

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who I've been bumping into the past few days—fashionistas doing the Fashion Week party circuit. I then realize that anywhere in the globe, the fashion world is really a small circle of style disciples. Tipsily traipsing along the halls in my Louis Vuitton jacket, I felt super suave wearing the inverted version of this season's signature suit.

Friendly Filipino

That was until—gasp!—could it be? Is this really happening ... to ME?!! (simultaneously beats chest, looking heavenward) There he stood. The object of my worst nightmare come to flesh. Black flesh that is. Wearing the exact Louis Vuitton creation that I so proudly donned. So what do I do? Hide? Kill him? Kill myself?

Sigh, I am a friendly Filipino, so if you can't beat 'em—have a photo taken with them. He turned out to be a buyer for Barney's, so it's always good to have Barney as a friend. Other Parisian peeps were genuinely amiable (or maybe it was the overflowing Veuve Clicquot everywhere)—the drinks budget alone could have paid for our nation's budget deficit. "Our French principals told us that this was going to be the party of the century," whispered **Rhea de Vera**, head honcho of the much coveted brand here in our shores.

The post-party peak came in the form of everybody classy-looking-kinda-trashy. And other unprintable things which all added to the otherworldliness of the party.

I've been to Nice, and the isle of Greece (come on, sing with me—and sipped champagne on a yacht!), and to a whole lot of parties in my 25 years of event-hopping, but this one kicks some serious *derriere*. *Tu es mon reve!*

Besides, we all know that being at the center of the after-party beats being on the front row of any fashion show. Because truly, the *real* action happens when the ramp lights fade out.

BASIC FASHION INSTINCTS. Sharon Stone and Ines de la Fressange

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TRES MODE. Parisian parade of characters on the dance floor

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FROM HONG KONG TO LONDON. LV's main man Andrew Glenn

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INSIDE PETIT PALAIS. This is how you party inside a palace.

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POSH SEASON. A-list partying in Paris

BRIGHT young things, Paris version

NEW YORK TO HONG KONG. Susan Novak and David Au of Celine

AFTER-PARTY with the models and tranny host with matching jockstraps

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NOT JUST NERDS. Pharell Williams and LV designer Marc Jacobs'

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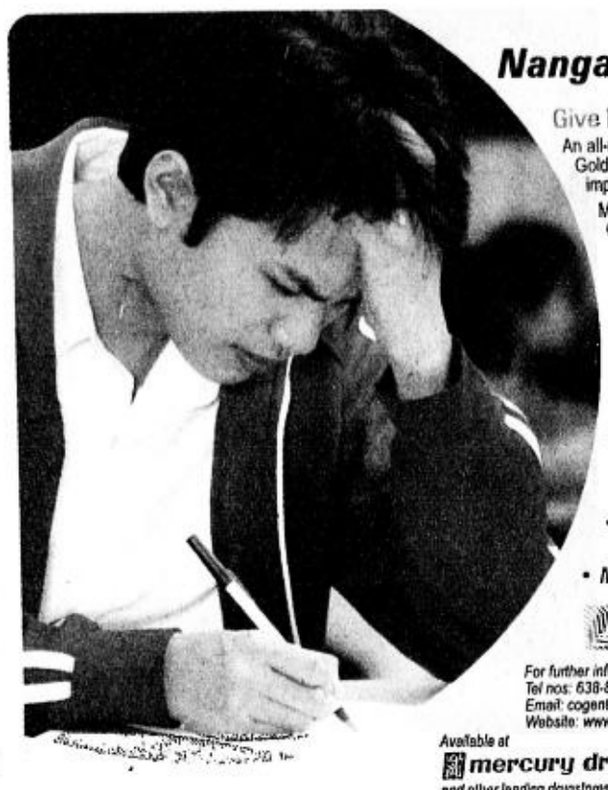
FASHION PLATE. Nadja Auermann in party mode



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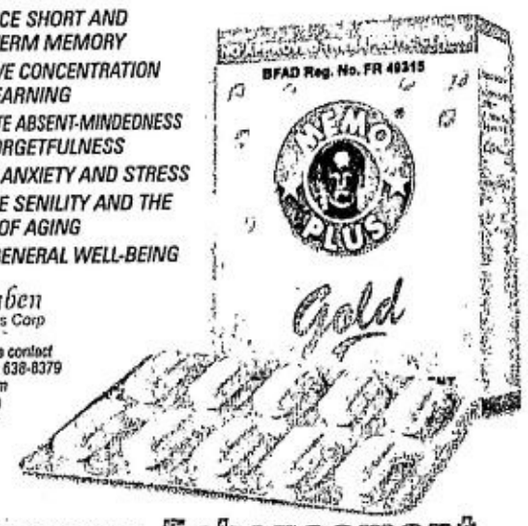

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Maintaining good quality takes more than running luck and blind ambition. It takes time, consistency and care. It's a commitment to always look for premiere value and to always do things right. It means never settling for second best, never compromising, winning your patrons' trust, and keeping it.

New establishments in the Philippines can proudly say that they have built a level of unwavering trust with their consumers. And that trust stems from their adherence to delivering good quality products. Praiseworthy success stories like those of Delifrance, Romana Peanut Brittle, and Good Shepherd's Mountain Maid products are testaments to the ever-present need to commit to quality.

Delifrance has been the global forerunner in French bakery products for over twenty-five years. Based on nearly a century of baking tradition, Delifrance's products include over 500 high-quality, innovative and convenient baked goods that range from bread to viennoiseries and patisseries. Delifrance's main thrust is being passionate about consistently providing fresh, high quality food and beverage as well as delivering superior value and excellent customer service.

In the Philippines, with over 160 branches nationwide, Delifrance has been taking the lead in serving fast food French cuisine for the past 10 years. Its Executive Chef, Andrew Chua, says that the secret to their success is in their dedication to service. "Always find out what the customer wants," says Chua. "The customer is boss." This commitment to satisfying their customers is what drives Delifrance to produce nothing but the best.

Romana Peanut Brittle has been a Filipino family favorite since 1956, when young homemaker Romana de Vera started it. Now run by her son, Raffy, Romana's excellent quality has become legendary nationwide. "My parents' original clients were relatives and friends so they took extra care in developing the tastiest recipe," he reveals. "As the brand grew, we made sure we always adhered to the original concoction."

Romana herself takes such great pride in that fact that the business is something she's passed on to her children. "I am happy that Romana Peanut Brittle has become a byword," she says. "This business has grown along with my family."

The Good Shepherd Convent near Mines View Park produces the most delectable ube halaya in the country. Sold under the label "Mountain Maid," it's become a staple pasalubong of those who visit the cool mountains of Baguio City. Sister Sue Sinense, Sister Coordinator of Good Shepherd Baguio, holds this ube-making tradition close to her heart because the proceeds of every bottle go to the benefit of the Cordillera youth. "It seems that our mission in Good Shepherd has extended to our customers," Sister Sue relates. "When in Baguio, people prefer Mountain Maid because they realize that aside from enjoying the products, they are also able to help others."

According to Sister Sue, *ube halaya* was a product developed to supplement the unavailability of strawberries all-year round. The Mountain Maid *ube halaya* was concocted by Sister Mary Assumption in the 70s, with the help of other sisters described by Sister Sue as "having a gift for making sweets."

These respected and highly frequented establishments have made names for themselves because of their persistence in finding that "winning formula" and sticking to it, without ever settling on their ingredients. They realized early on that sacrificing the quality of their ingredients greatly diminished the quality of their products. After all, producing good quality food naturally entails using good quality ingredients, and for these time-honored institutions, Anchor Butter is one such ingredient you simply cannot compromise.

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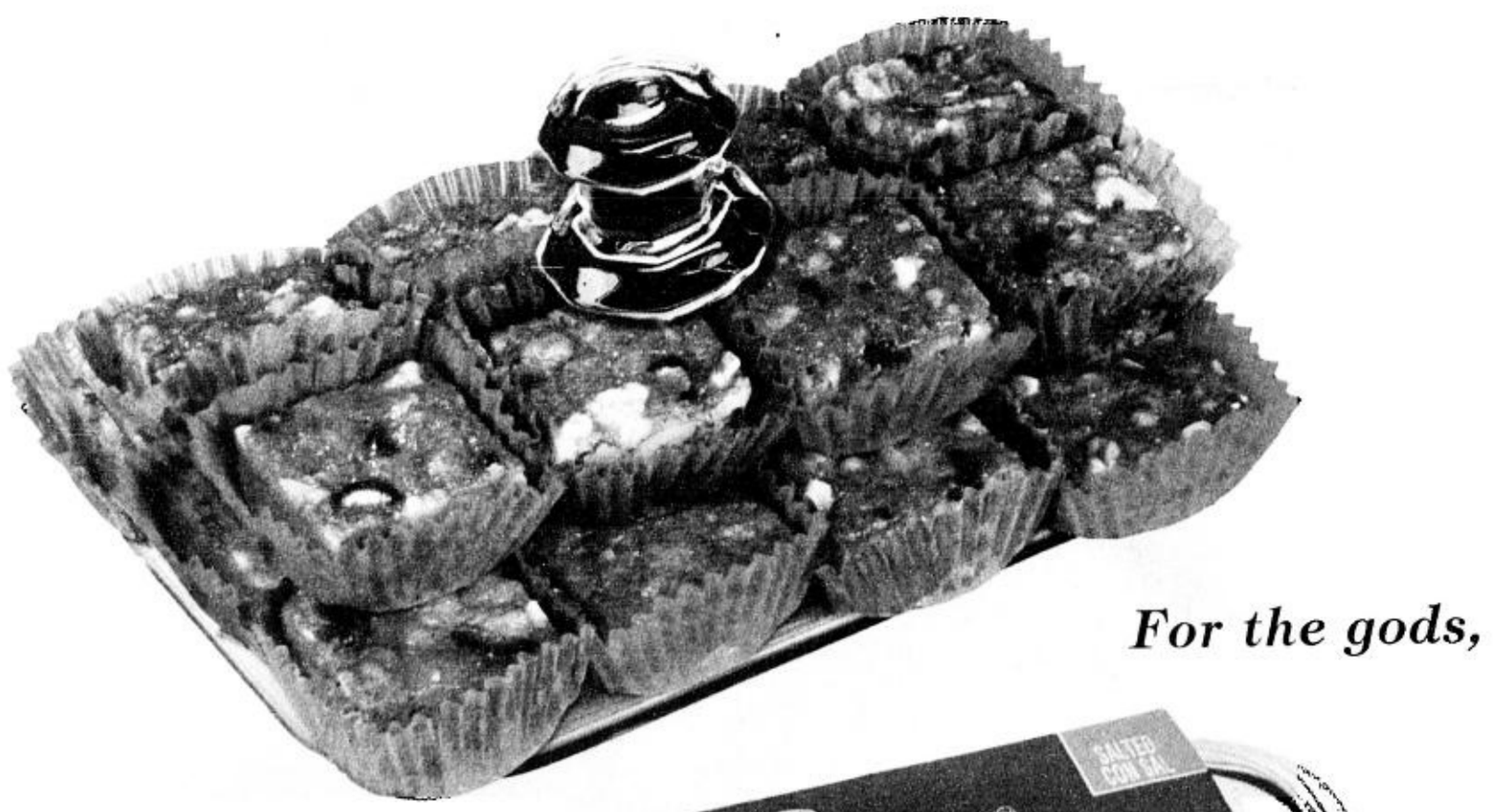

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1/2	tsp	vanilla	1	cup	walnuts, coarsely chopped
2	pcs	egg, slightly beaten	1	cup	pitted dates, chopped

PROCEDURE:
Preheat oven at 325°F. Grease and line an 11 x 7 x 1 1/2 rectangular pan.
In a bowl, combine melted **ANCHOR BUTTER**, brown sugar, corn syrup, vanilla and egg. Mix well.
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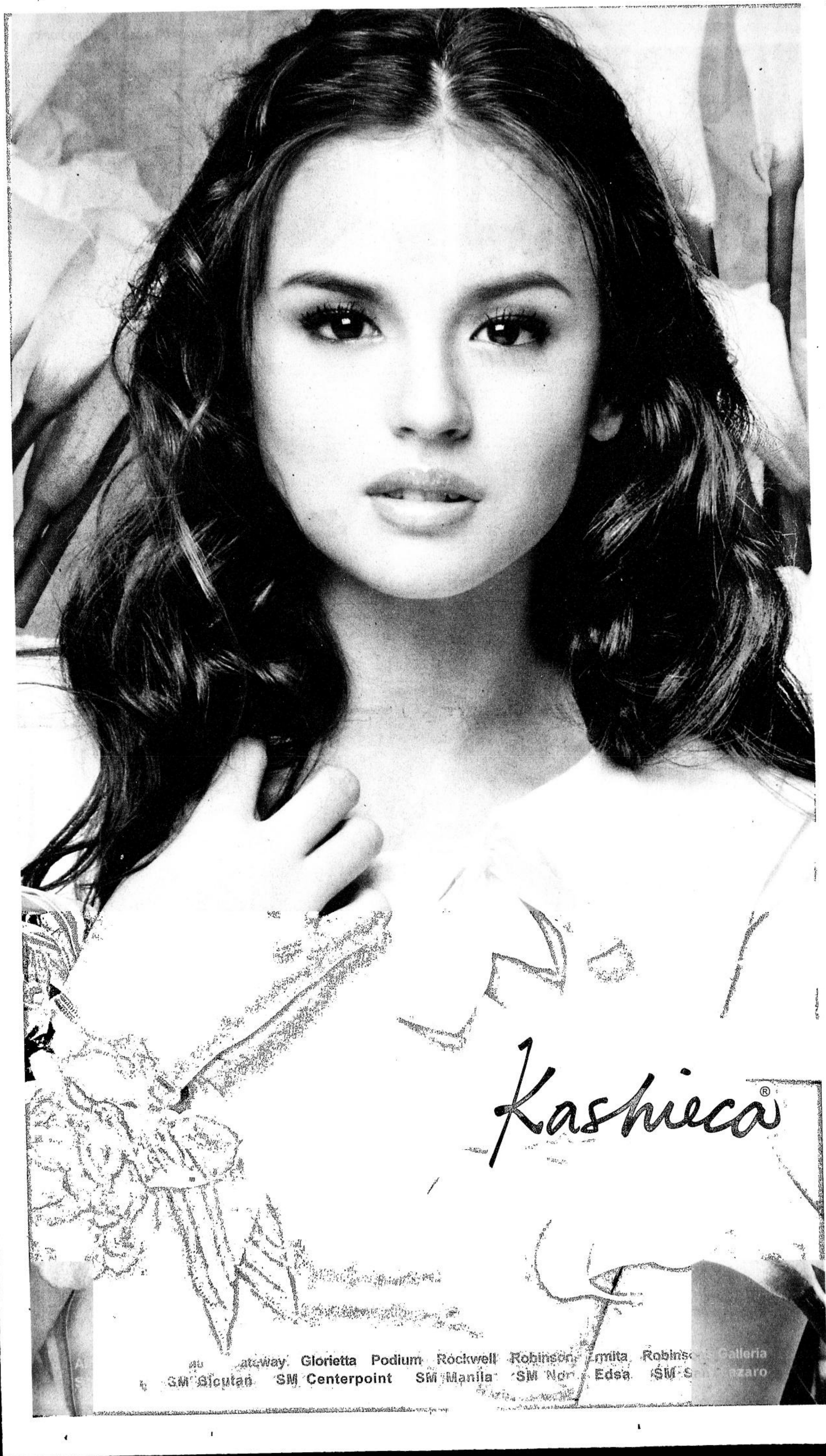
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OUT THE WINDOW

Tals Diaz

A FEW WEEKS BACK, I CAME across a little oddity splashed on the front page of this broadsheet. It read: "Filipino English sounds Greek to Norwegian firm." To give the Barron's book notes version, it was about how the recruitment of Pinoy workers was on the decline in new global job markets because of our workforce's steadily deteriorating English proficiency. A pity, especially since we're supposed to be one of the world's top English speaking nations. In the year 2005, call centers and medical transcription operators failed to hire the expected 100,000 workers from the

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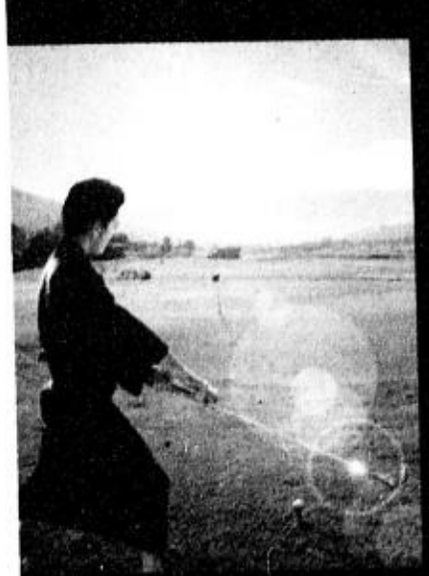

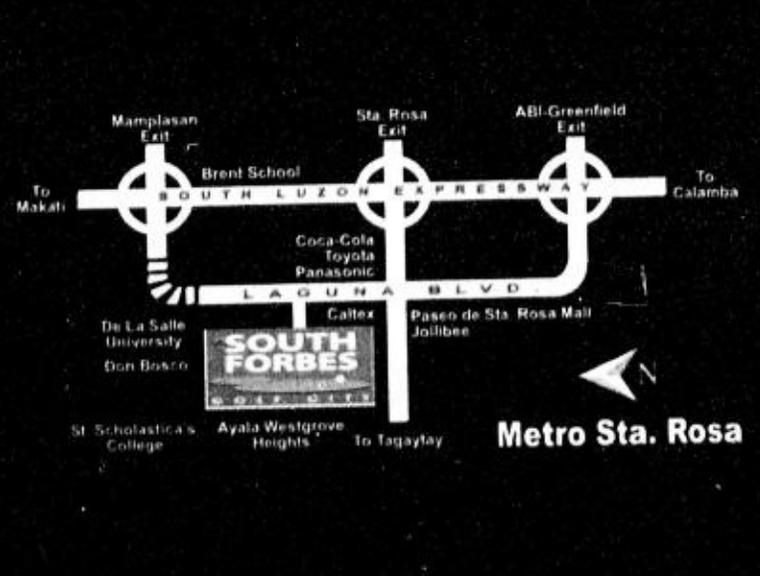

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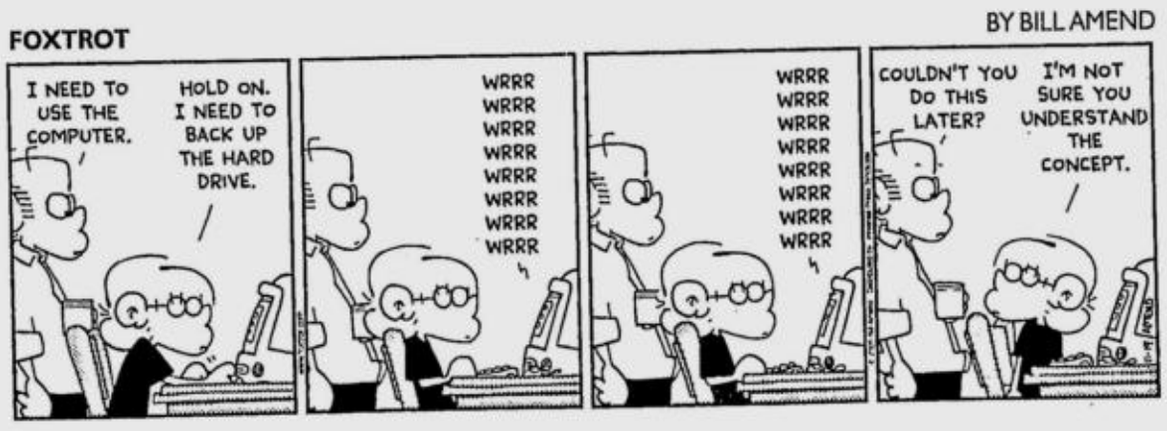

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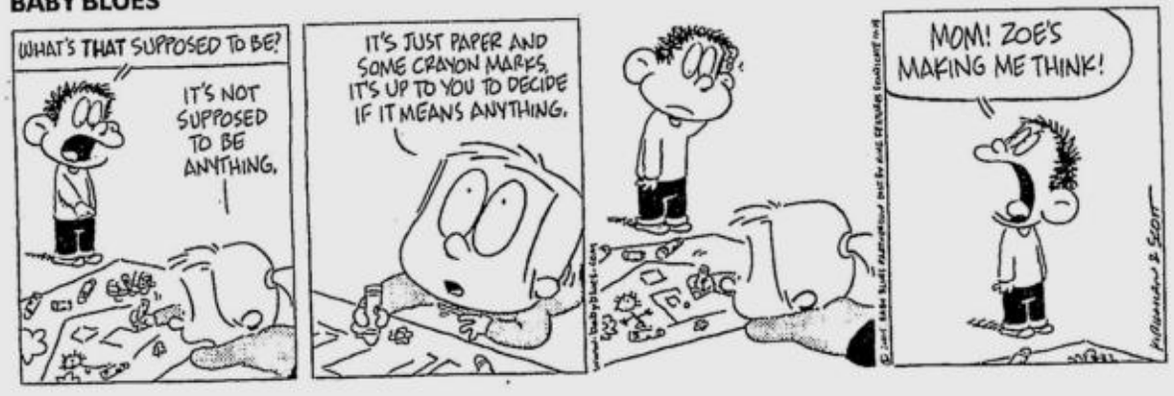

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Birthdate of: Meg Ryan, actress; Larry King, media personality; Jodie Foster, actress.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Although change is almost certain for you in the next two years, one thing you can count on is an improved job situation. Your health will likely improve as well.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Many of you are expanding your family through grandchildren and marriage. Try to plan a vacation in the next six months. It's OK to put yourself first now.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): It's reassuring to know that home, family and your domestic life are very rewarding now and for months to come. This is where you'll get your greatest joy and rewards this year.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): It's important to remember that giving up things does not necessarily mean loss. It can mean simply streamlining your life and getting rid of what is dead weight. The result? Liberation!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Many of you can earn more money in the year ahead. Therefore, keep your eyes open and remain alert for these opportunities. You'll probably also be spending more as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): The next 13-18 months are an extremely fortunate time for your sign. It will be easier for you to feel happy and content with life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Continue to work hard now, because in the year 2007, you'll begin a very powerful time of your life. That's when you'll know what's working and what's not working.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Your popularity definitely increases in the next 12-18 months. Join clubs, groups and organizations. Enjoy friendships. Accept all invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Your career is finally starting to pay off. Everyone knows you've worked very hard in the past few years. You're beginning to take your power now. (This is good.)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Travel opportunities that expand your education and your experience of the world are likely to come your way in the next 18 months. You'll enjoy whatever brings you adventure and knowledge.

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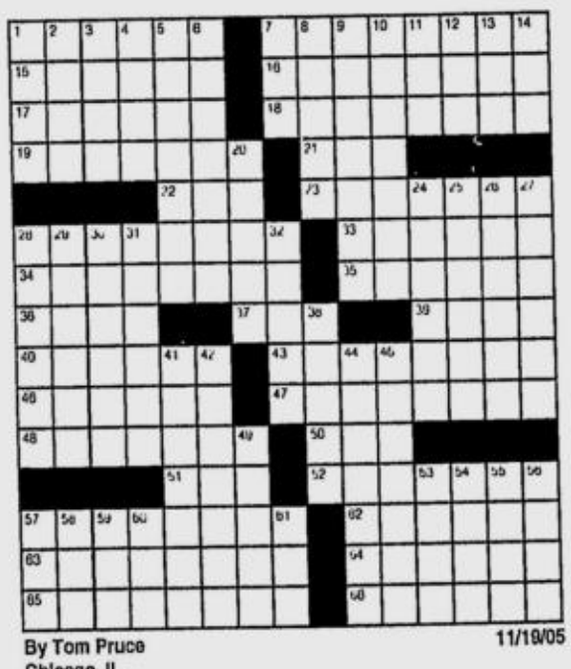

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Chicago, IL

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Pounds Greek to them, sounds Green to me

From page E1

Philippines. Apparently, Filipino spoken English was reported to sound "too throaty for the world of business."

"Throaty" ... "Greek" ... what comes to mind when I think of throaty Greeks is the famous orator Demosthenes, who was known to stuff his mouth with pebbles to improve his speaking prowess. Props to him for such an unconventional yet innovative technique in the name of speech power! Of course, we Pinoys have our own brand of speech power, or shall I recall the old '90s' moniker, "*Ispits* power." It's a strain of convoluted English indigenous to these parts, that may be grammatically correct yet sometimes does sound as if we've jammed our mouths with whole chunks of concrete slabs.

Hand me that gun

I'm quite familiar with this "*Ispits* power;" this mangled, maddening English. When I walk into the office, for example, and get informed as I'm handed the phone, "someone *cold* again for you" and I consequently think to myself, dammit, why can't I get someone hot for a change! Or when I'm at a restaurant and I'm asked to choose between "mango choose" or "dalandan choose" or "buko choose." And what about those notorious beauty pageants in the province, when local beauties, during the question and answer portion of the show, proudly declare to the audience that they have a strong faith because "they pray everyday to Cheeses."

Entertainment and lifestyle journalists, who earn a living by aiming their tape recorders at budding and/or fading starlets and showbiz personalities, can get pretty wicked when talking amongst each other about their interviewed subjects. I remember that one of my very first assignments many years ago was to interview this famous bold actress about her latest role in an action movie. She revealed to me that she had a lot of fun working for the film because she had a secret fascination for guns. As I prodded her for more tidbits about her hidden passion, she told me, "ay, *basta*, I love guns *talaga*. I'm very happy trigger."

Actually, it was more like, "Happy *treeger*."

We are the word

Then again, can you blame us Pinoys, who have over a hundred dialects, each with varying degrees of necessary tongue-twisting skills to get the accent right? Use that same, untrained tongue to pronounce certain English words and you're bound to botch up certain pronunciation rules. Think of the French, who can't pronounce a hard letter "H" at the start of a word and end up saying "alf" instead of "half," or Portuguese speakers who can't say the final "L" because it's pronounced like a "W" in their native tongue, so they say "tow" instead of "tall" and "e-mayw" instead of "e-mail:" So forgive us if we tend to exchange our P's and F's, because we're from the "Pilifeens!"

(Don't) say that again?

I'd say that Pinoy English has an even more, er ... interesting dialect. It's the kind that should come with an "R" rating.

For the life of me, I cannot count how many times I've exploded internally, rupturing a blood vessel or two, from trying not to laugh at Sunday Mass, when the lector would tell the gathered flock, "Piss be with you." Of course, we're supposed to respond—with a straight face—"and also with you." Many times, during Christmas especially, I'd have to sing together with a whole congregation led by a vocalist intoning, "Let there be piss on earth." Oh there's more—I once attended a Beatles acoustic tribute, and I overheard someone singing loudly along with the band, "all we are saying ... is give piss a chance."

Or what about that time when a friend of mine, while out having dinner, nearly choked on her salad croutons when she overheard the guy in the table beside her declare, "I'm penis eating."

So really, who would blame foreign recruiters for giving the thumbs down to interested applicants who sound like they're suffering from Turret's syndrome? If I may construct this hypothetical situation, based on real life encounters of course, between a recruiter and a hopeful job applicant:

"Can you tell me something about the Philippines?"

"Oh, the Philippines is very beautiful. We have many beautiful bitches."

"Beautiful ... er ... bitches?"

"Yes, beautiful bitches. The most famous is Boracay bitch."

"Oh, you mean beaches. You like going to the beach?"

"Yes, I love the bitch. Bohol is very nice, there are also many nice bitches in Palawan."

"Have you ever been to Palawan?"

"No, not shet."

But enough of the hypothetical stories. Time for a real-life scenario that happened around Christmas of last year, in the beautiful shores of Boracay ... erm, beach. I was with my usual sun worshipping crew by the shoreline when I was approached by this woman. I knew her by name and by repute: she was a once-famous Pinay starlet who seemed larger than life—particularly in her chest and rear area, thanks to the wonders of silicone. She walked up to me and asked, in a strangled, not-quite British accent, "where's the loo?"

The loo?, I asked. Ah, you mean the *banyo*.

"Yes. The loo," she insisted, as if we were supposed to be sipping tea and eating bloody scones and crumpets with the Queen of England along the coastline of Brighton Beach. Visibly annoyed, I pointed at the wide expanse of sea before us and said in my haughtiest Victorian accent, "there's yo' bloody loo, luv!" My male friends almost choked on their imaginary scones and tea leaves. Yet to my surprise, the silicone wunderkind actually laughed warmly and introduced herself, and so I reciprocated by introducing her to the guys. She smiled at them flirtatiously, and as she shook their hands, she said, "Nice mating you. It's so nice to mate you all."

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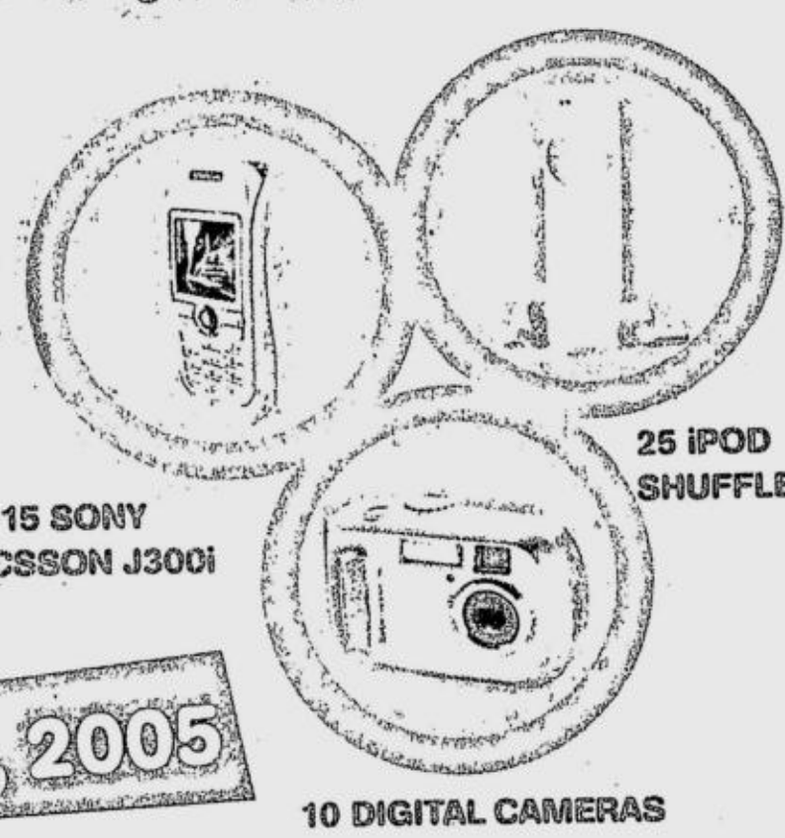

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SUPER! FINAL WORD

Doom, doom, doom!

What the f--- is wrong with words like f---?

By Pepe Diokno

I GOT A JOLT A FEW WEEKS ago—totally broke my zen. All of a sudden, in the middle of the "Doom" movie, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's mouth movements didn't sync with the words he was saying. Yeah, the horror.

It took me a while to realize they took out the bad words and dubbed them over. Like, "holy sh-t" became "holy smokes" and "damnit" became "darnit!" So here are the "Doom" characters blasting fugly aliens, with blood and guts flying around—and not one bad word comes out of their mouths! This just made the story less credible—no Oscars for "Doom!"

If I had a little to drink before I saw the movie, I'd have stood up, looked up at the ceiling, and screamed "Who the fog *(notice the omission)* dubbed this beautiful movie?! *(Tear)*" But I saw it in the afternoon—did have a little to drink, but nobody goes wild in the afternoon.

I saw "Doom" with my intellectual friends. And we were thinking, "Are the bad words in this movie the difference between a R-13 and R-18 rating? Who did this?!" *(It was at this point that a mental picture of the MTRCB crew popped in. Wait... it was a poster of Monsters, Inc. But that's close.)*

Oh my 'gulay'?

Like, for someone to say, "I just saw a man get decapitated. But if, at the moment he gets decapitated he says, 'oh my *gulay*' instead of 'f-- goddamit!' we'll give you a R-13 rating" that's just stupid. But apparently, someone in the ratings board reasons like this: "Forget decapitation, children are going to be affected by the word sh-t!"

Another point this whole "Doom" travesty brings out—it's a damn travesty, my brothers—is how much our society hates/puts so much attention on bad words. There are more than a handful of readers who write newspapers to complain about the language being used. Never mind the photo of a dead guy on the front page, or the photo of Jamby Madrigal showing her legs, or the news about rape in Olongapo—let's talk about the word "cr-p." That's so productive.

Equal opportunity for f-ck!

I feel for words like, cr-p, f-ck, sh-t, and all the other words that need a "-" or an "*" if they want to get printed. Like, they have feelings too, you know! *(Sob)* They're misunderstood. What exactly makes them... bad? *(Cue news program music.)*

Is it the way they sound? I know "good words" that sound worse than "cr-p"—like... "tomato." "Tomato" sounds hellabad. People fight over how to pronounce it, too. Is it to-may-to or to-mah-to? If you ask me, this "good word" does more harm than good.

Is it the way they're used? People agree that a bad word is something that's used to offend people. But then, there are other "good words" that are used to offend—like, "inept" and "fickle-minded." I'm getting confused now.

Is it that they're four letter words? Hmm... Maybe. Maybe.

So how did society come to vilify these words? Must be their origin. "F--k"'s mother is a prostitute, and her father is a transvestite. She was orphaned at age 2 and had to fend for herself by entering the profession her mother had. It wasn't her choice, she says—she needed food! She asks you not to judge her because of her background. *(She also asks for donations. Call or text 0918-ilovecr8p)*

Sick society

They say that the use of these "bad words" is a symptom of a sick and backward society. Nay, I say! It is the way society treats these bad words that is.

I, and the bad words of the world, demand equal rights for both good words and bad words. Now.

But back to "Doom." The dubbing robbed me of my cinema viewing experience, and I want my money back now. And MTRCB, don't even think of doing it again.

Let's face it folks. It isn't bad words that drives societies to ruin. The ancient Greek legislature's Upper House was composed of members who could not lose their posts—and what drove it to its ruin is closed-mindedness. *(Pause for reflection... and for another sip of beer.)*

So let us learn from the Greeks—and never dub a Doom film again!

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By Juliet Labog-Javellana

CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS that he would be giving some prominent people sleepless nights, it would be a more religious, more

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Muslim 'starving' artists paint their pride and pain

By Volt Contreras

HUNGER PANGS, IF ENDURED IN THE NAME of faith, are believed to be nourishing to the soul.

And it was in this sanctifying state that a group of Filipino Muslims used art to celebrate their heritage, assert their pride and, in

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SUMMIT BREAKS PROTOCOL for President Arroyo. She was in the back row but would not be seen so organizers rearranged the alphabetical positions of the leaders. Ms Arroyo finds herself between Brunei's Sultan Bolkiah and China's President Hu Jintao. Other leaders (back row, from left): Mexico's President Vicente Fox, New Zealand's PM Helen Clark, Papua New Guinea's PM Michael Thomas Somare, Peru's President Alejandro Toledo, Canada's PM Paul Martin, US President George W.Bush, Thailand's PM Thaksin. Front row, from left: Australian PM John Howard, Bolkiah, Ms Arroyo, Hu Jintao, *(Continued on Page A8)*

6th GI in Subic rape a mystery

Victim, driver listed only 5 suspects

By Volt Contreras and Armand N. Nocum *in Manila*
Tonette Orejas *PDI Central Luzon Desk*

THE SIXTH MAN IN THE ALLEGED RAPE OF A FILIPINO WOMan by a group of American Marines at the Subic freeport is posing a puzzle.

US serviceman Dominic Duplantis was not in the hired van where the alleged rape took place on the night of Nov. 1, according to the sworn statement of the vehicle's Filipino driver, Timoteo Soriano.

The woman herself had named only five men in her complaint—Duplantis was not among them—but listed a John Doe as the sixth person who should be held to answer her accusation.

And in a statement issued on Nov. 3, the US Embassy in Manila initially said there were five Marines involved in the alleged rape and who have remained in the country to face investigation.

The embassy later said it was actually holding six Marines in custody. On Nov. 10, it presented the six men to a Philippine team led by Foreign Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes, who went to the embassy to verify if the accused were indeed still in the country.

Paredes is the executive director of the Presidential Commission on the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACom).

Asked last Wednesday why the number of the accused had changed, US press attaché Matthew Lussenhop said the Nov. 3 statement was based on "the information we had" at the time.

A lawyer whose opinion was sought by the INQUIRER said that unless the complainant

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SEALED WITH A KISS. President Arroyo gets a farewell buss from President Bush after their one-on-one meeting where they reportedly discussed "subjects close to the heart of both presidents."

UP Law: They could have danced all night

By Fe Zamora

THE WOMAN IN RED DOING THE HUSTLE was lawyer Katrina Legarda.

Legarda and members of Class '80, who were the hosts of the University of the Philippines' College of Law grand alumni reunion last Friday, set the mood for the evening by dancing to a medley of—what else—'80s disco hits.

If only for a night, the country's most influential lawyers forgot their pending cases and political differences and danced the hustle, salsa and swing. There was a shower of confetti which signaled that the dance floor was open to any lawyer who felt like dancing. There were no objections.

One of the first to hit the dance floor was the guest of honor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Hilario Davide Jr. (Class '59).

Earlier, Davide, who is set to retire when he turns 70 on Dec. 20, reminded the lawyers of the importance of their roles in a political crisis.

"During troubled times, we must live to be exemplars of judicious, sober and rational conduct and serve as a stabilizing force in the country," Davide said in a speech before the grand alumni reunion of the UP College of Law held at the NBC Tent at The Fort in Taguig City.

"In these times, it is not enough to be a mere instrument of justice, we must be disciples of law. It is not enough that we practice law, we must be ministers in the temple of justice," he said.

Davide's speech was followed by the turnover ceremony from the UP College of Law Class '80 to Class '81 which will host next year's grand reunion.

This was followed by nonstop dancing till the wee hours of the morning. Davide danced with his wife, Virginia. National De-

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GMA, Bush skip rape issue in Busan meet

By Christian V. Esguerra

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA (VIA PLDT)—Their one-on-one talks were officially described as "fruitful and meaningful" but skipped the potentially thorny issue of the alleged rape by US Marines of a 22-year-old Filipino woman.

"The President was so happy when she called up. It was a very meaningful meeting with President (George W.) Bush," Trade Secretary Peter Favila said yesterday as the leaders of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum ended two days of talks in this South Korean city.

President Macapagal-Arroyo and Bush met on the side during Bush's one-hour meeting with six other leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) at the heavily secured Westin Chosun Hotel on Friday, Favila told reporters.

He said Ms Arroyo and Bush talked exclusively about matters related to Apec and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

"No, it was all on the WTO, trade and Apec," Favila said in an ambush interview, denying they had talked about the alleged rape at the Subic Freeport involving six US Marines.

The incident has aroused strong feelings among Filipinos, triggered verbal skirmishes in the halls of the Senate, sparked accusations and counter-accusations among government officials, and raised calls for a review of the Visiting Forces Agreement between Manila and Washington.

Summit organizers broke protocol as the meeting wound up by rearranging the alphabetical positions of the leaders for the official photo, so that Ms Arroyo would be in the front row.

Ms Arroyo was supposed to be in the back row but since she could hardly be seen in that spot, she was moved to the front where she ended up between Brunei's Sultan Hassanal and China's President Hu Jintao.

In the back row, she would have stood between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo.

The leaders wore the traditional costume of the host nation for the official photo: The "Turumagu," the traditional Korean dress in a rainbow of pastel colors.

Ms Arroyo stood out in the old-rose costume.

The leaders assembled in a newly built muffin-shaped villa on the South Korean coast, named "Nurimaru" house—a new Korean word meaning "pinnacle of the world."

Heavy security surrounded the

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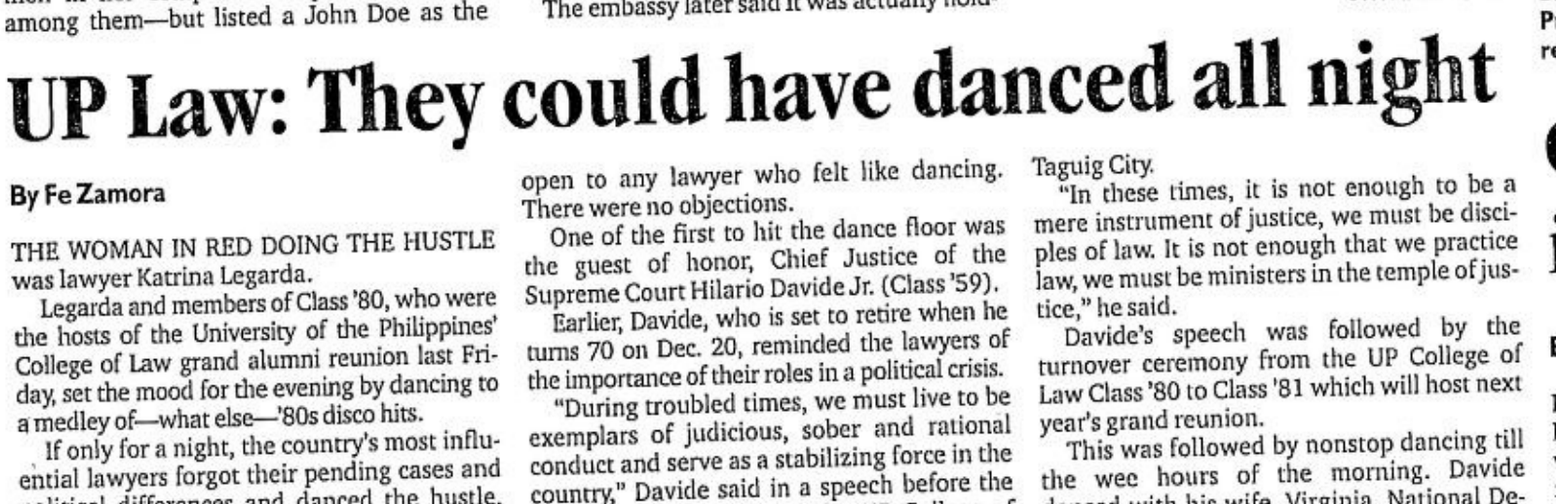

WASTELAND no more. Suddenly the buzz is the wonderland ambience of the 35-hectare Araneta Center, which switched on its Christmas lights on Friday. Find out in Lifestyle, Page H1, why it's a fun place again, which until its transformation was looking a lot like the epitome of urban blight. ERIK ARAZAS

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: At 2 p.m. yesterday, Tropical Storm "Pepang" was estimated based on satellite and surface data at 200 km southeast of Casuguran, Aurora, with maximum sustained winds of 85 kph near the center and gustiness up to 100 kph. It is forecast to move west northwest at 19 kph.

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Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy

PNP: Alliance of JI, RP terrorists strong

By Luige A. del Puerto

RECENT ARRESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES and documents obtained from Indonesia have confirmed a strong, strategic alliance among the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror group, the Abu Sayyaf and the Rajah Solaiman Movement, according to a police briefing paper.

The paper was presented by Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao in a meeting of Southeast Asian police chiefs in Jakarta last week, and was made available to the INQUIRER yesterday.

The paper depicted a terrorist network in the Philippines that was vast, and that used religion as a front to raise and receive money.

This network, which began in the early 1990s, had also been sending people abroad, particularly to Malaysia and Saudi Arabia, to solicit financial aid.

The paper characterized the terror network as one that "crosses borders," having developed the skills to slip members in and out of Southeast Asian countries, particularly Indonesia and the Philippines.

The recent arrest of RSM leader and founder Hilarion Santos may have crippled this alliance, the paper said.

The ties between the ASG and the JI stretched as far back as the 1990s, even before the death of ASG founding leader Abdurajak Janjalani in 1998, according to the paper.

In the latter part of the 1990s, Fathur Rohman Alghozi, a key JI associate, met with Khadaffy Janjalani, a younger brother of the slain Abdurajak.

It was then that Alghozi, who was killed in the Philippines three years ago, trained Khadaffy, who now heads the Abu Sayyaf, in bomb-making, the paper said.

In 2002, the JI stepped up its training of ASG members and its "Muslim converts" in bomb-making, according to the paper.

A meeting between JI and ASG members a year earlier in Cotabato City resulted in a series of bombings in General Santos City and Koronadal.

A top JI man in Central Mindanao had been facilitating the entry of the group's members into the Philippines. Recruits underwent training in an "unidentified camp" in Central Mindanao, the paper said.

"The movement is by batches of more or less three members," the paper said.

The network also has supporters in the Middle East, according to the paper.

In the early 1990s, Arab missionaries arrived in Mindanao and established organizations that later funneled funds to the Abu Sayyaf.

One of those said to have established a group here was Mohammad Jamal Khalifa, a Saudi national and a brother-in-law of Osama bin Laden, the head of the al-Qaida international terror network.

"Khalifa extended financial assistance to the ASG for military training," the paper said.

In January 2000, a Malaysian met with Khadaffy Janjalani and Abu Solaiman and vowed to solicit funds for the network in his country.

The Malaysian also promised to facilitate the shipment of arms from Malaysia to Sulu, the paper said.

The ASG has been sending members to Malaysia and Saudi Arabia to get financial help, the paper added.

Gov't revamp: Reyes to US, Puno to DILG

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo is poised to start a major Cabinet reshuffle in the next few weeks to signal, as the new year approaches, a new beginning for an administration scarred and worn down by political crisis.

Two sources in Malacañang said yesterday the revamp would affect at least three Cabinet positions at the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Presidential Management Staff.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the President wanted to have less controversial figures in these departments by next year to minimize distractions in the operations of her government.

The first source said Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes had been offered the post of Philippine ambassador to Washington, the most coveted diplomatic station that will be vacated with the retirement of Albert F. del Rosario.

Reyes was Ms Arroyo's first defense secretary until he was forced to resign in August 2003, a month after a group of young military officers staged the Oakwood mutiny in protest of alleged widespread corruption in the military under his watch. He served as the President's anti-kidnapping czar for less than a year before he was appointed to his current post in July last year.

Despite his being embroiled in a host of controversies from unexplained wealth to salvaging to graft in the military, the President has kept Reyes, whose abandonment of then President Joseph Estrada spelled doom for the former movie actor at the height of the Edsa II people power movement, as an integral part of her Cabinet.

The second source said topping the list of replacements for Reyes was Antipolo Rep. Ronaldo Puno, who also served as interior and local government secretary in the Estrada administration. Puno is president of the administration-allied party Kampi and has been credited for being one of the key personalities behind Ms Arroyo's campaign in the 2004 presidential election.

Reyes' possible switch to a diplomatic post will be similar to the revamp at the PMS where Ms Arroyo moved the incumbent chief, Rigoberto Tiglao, to head the Philippine embassy in Greece.

Aside from Reyes, the sources said Environment Secretary Michael Defensor was also likely to be affected by the revamp in line with the President's thrust to get an individual with more expertise to steer the mining industry. Defensor is reportedly being groomed to be Malacañang's chief of staff.

The sources would not say, however, if other Cabinet secretaries were being eyed for replacement.

The changes planned by Ms Arroyo are part of her efforts to consolidate her official family in the wake of the mass resignation of the so-called Hyatt 10 who quit at the height of the "Hello Garci" electoral fraud scandal.

Nograles: Probe senators' pork

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER PROSpero Nograles yesterday called for an investigation into the use of the pork barrel of all senators and congressmen after Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. was accused of allowing a spurious nongovernmental organization to receive allocations from his Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF).

Nograles and Isabela Rep. Edwin Uy, vice chair of the House committee on agriculture and food, sought the inquiry as they decried the "trial by publicity of House members" with what they claimed was the continued harping on the alleged fertilizer fund scam, which is now the focus of Senate hearings.

The two said that while congressmen "have been very transparent" in their PDAF projects, senators needed "to do the same."

But Magsaysay admitted yesterday his office erred when he endorsed a P4-million agricultural assistance fund to a nongovernment organization, adding that his endorsement was promptly withdrawn after learning the NGO was not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He said only P300,000 was released to the People's Organization for Progress and Development Foundation Inc. He said he had asked the NGO to account for the sum or return it to the government.

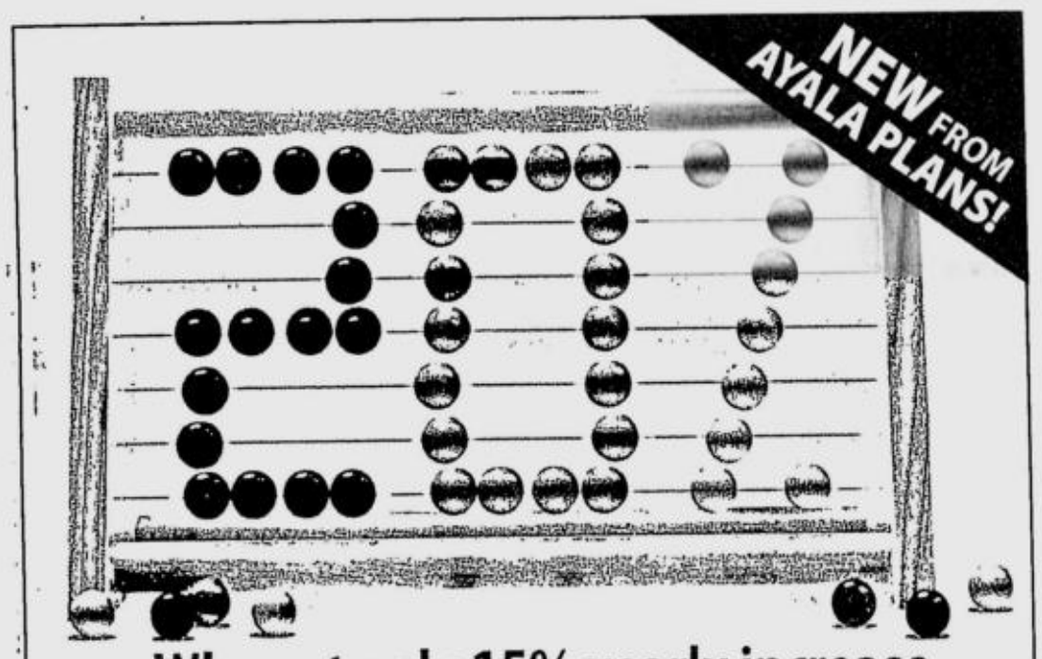
But Magsaysay said the mistake of his office would not stop him from pursuing the investigation into the P728-million fertilizer fund that was allegedly used to bankroll President Macapagal-Arroyo's reelection bid. He chairs the Senate committee on agriculture which is conducting the investigation.

"We take full responsibility for this honest mistake but we will not be deterred from pursuing the inquiry on the P728-million fertilizer fund," Magsaysay said.

He said a fourth hearing had been scheduled for Thursday next week.

In hitting back at Magsaysay, Nograles said projects initiated by congressmen were easily identified because they addressed the needs of their districts but those launched by senators were "not identified with any locality and nobody knows where they (are) implemented."

"Maybe a publication of senators' projects may now be in order. House members can pinpoint where they put their pork barrel in their districts. Can senators also do the same? Each one must give a public account of his or her pork barrel," Nograles said. *Philip C. Tubeza and Juliet Labog-Javellana*



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L.A. 649 sqm.
MIRACLE HEIGHTS SUBD., Lipa City
MIN. BID PRICE: P 16,552,000.00

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L.A. 10,003 sqm.
Lot 1-C-1, Brgy. San Felipe, PADRE GARCIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,691,000.00

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L.A. 61,815 sqm.
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UCPB_BAT065 - 12UNITS 2STRY APRT. & 4UNITS 2STRY COMMERCIAL BLDG
L.A. 1,145 sqm.
Lot 1018, Brgy. San Sebastian, LIPA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 7,434,000.00

UCPB_BAT066 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 755 sqm.
Along Gen. Luna ATHENIANS, Sabang,
Lipa City
MIN. BID PRICE: P 6,699,600.00

UCPB_BAT067 - GAS STATION
L.A. 11,632 sqm.
Lot 10354-B-2, Brgy. Bugtong Na Puto,
LIPA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 13,833,000.00

BAGUIO CITY

UCPB_BAG175 - VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A.375 (VARIOUS)
VISTA VERDE HEIGHTS VIRAC, Itogon
MIN. BID PRICE. P206,253.78 / 550 per sqm.

BULACAN
TEXT – 0927-3333733

UCPB_BLN068 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 323 sqm.
Opel St., VILLACOR VILL., Brgy.Langka,
Meycauayan
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,304,000.00

UCPB_BLN069 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 221 sqm.
3rd St., Bo. Fatima, Sapang Palay, SJDM
MIN. BID PRICE: P 288,000.00

UCPB_BLN070 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 297 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 58, Sapang Palay, SJDM
MIN. BID PRICE. P 432,000.00

UCPB_BLN071 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 146 sqm.
AYUKIT SUBD.,Brgy Binang 2nd & Turo, Bocaue
MIN. BID PRICE. P 231,300.00

UCPB_BLN072 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 206 sqm.
AYUKIT SUBD.,Brgy Binang 2nd & Turo, Bocaue
MIN. BID PRICE. P 326,700.00

UCPB_BLN073 - RICE MILL W/ 3 STRY COMMERCIAL BLDG. & DOORS-2 STRY COMMERCIAL BLDG
L.A. 1,874 sqm.
Lot 1229-A, Brgy. Tuktukan, GUIGUINTO
MIN. BID PRICE. P 27, 920, 000.00

UCPB_BLN074 - INDUSTRIAL LOT
L.A. 11,155.73 sqm.
Brgy. Patubig, MARILAO
MIN. BID PRICE: P 31,282,550.00

UCPB_BLN075 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,626 sqm.
Sapang Palay, SAN JOSE DEL MONTE
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,160,000.00

UCPB_BLN076 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 347 sqm W/ IMPROVEMENT
B27 L20, SAPANG PALAY
MIN. BID PRICE. P 440 100.00

UCPB_BLN077 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 209 sqm.
Avocado St., Area F, Bo. Sapang Palay, SJDM
MIN. BID PRICE. P 288,000.00

CAGAYAN VALLEY
TEXT – 0919-8203838

UCPB_CYN078 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 3,511 sqm.
Lot 2437, Brgy. Ugac Sur,
TUGUEGARAO CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 24,448,500.00

CAMARINES NORTE/SUR
TEXT – 0921-6422464

UCPB_CMS083 - RICE MILL W/
L.A. 2,837 sqm. WAREHOUSE
San Isidro, CALABANGA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,300,000.00

UCPB_CMS084 - VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A. 705 sqm.
Lot 2 Blk 11, Bo. Bagasbas, DAET
MIN. BID PRICE: P 225,000.00

UCPB_CMS085 - VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A. 630 sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 2, FLORIDA VILLAGE, Lag-On, Daet
MIN. BID PRICE: P 508,500.00

UCPB_CMS086 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 745 sqm.
Lot 18 Blk 6, Brgy. Pasig, DAET
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,835,000.00

CAVITE
TEXT – 0916-9048230

UCPB_CVT087 - CONDOMINIUM
F.A. 182.86 sqm.
Southwoods Villa, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,818,700.00

UCPB_CVT088 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 1,238 sqm. W/ IMPROVEMENT
VILLA RAMIREZ SUBD., Brgy. Tabon, Kawit
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,016,800.00

UCPB_CVT089 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 563 sqm.
L31 B22, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,026,800.00

UCPB_CVT090 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 486 sqm.
L5 B36, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,749,600.00

UCPB_CVT091 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 486 sqm.
L4 B36, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,749,600.00

UCPB_CVT092 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 505 sqm.
L2 B36, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,818,000.00

UCPB_CVT093 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 470 sqm.
L18 B35, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,692,000.00

UCPB_CVT094 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 609 sqm.
L14 B32, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,192,400.00

UCPB_CVT095 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 534 sqm.
L72 B54, Manila Southwoods, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,922,400.00

UCPB_CVT096 - COMMIL LOT
L.A. 3,324 sqm.
Brgy. Poblacion, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 21,539,700.00

UCPB_CVT097 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 4,999 sqm.
Brgy. Poblacion, CARMONA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 32,393,700.00

UCPB_CVT098 - CONDOMINIUM
F.A. 71 sqm.
UNIT 618, VISTA DE LORO HEIGHTS,
Puerto Azul
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,346,400.00

ILOCOS NORTE

UCPB_IN099 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 116 sqm.
J.P Rizal & P. Hernando Sts., LAOAG CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,257,000.00

UCPB_IN100 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 153 sqm.
Juan Luna St., LAOAG CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 525,000.00

ISABELA
TEXT – 0919-8203838

UCPB_ISA101 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 501 sqm.
Lot 500-C-1-A, Calao East, SANTIAGO CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 480,000.00

UCPB_ISA102 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 188 sqm. W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot 9232-C-2-A, Barangay Villasis
SANTIAGO CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,990,000.00

UCPB_ISA103 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 2,000 sqm.
Dubinan West, SANTIAGO CITY
MIN. BID PRICE. P 1,000,000.00

UCPB_ISA104 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 650 sqm.
Bo. Bata, SANTIAGO CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 469,000.00

UCPB_ISA105 - AGRO-INDUSTRIAL LOT
L.A. 32,357 sqm.
B-2, Bo. Del Pilar, ALICIA
MIN. BID PRICE. P 18,867,000.00

LAGUNA
TEXT – 0919-5801558

UCPB_LGN106 - 2 STRY RSDL BLDG.
L.A. 200 sqm. F.A. 206.84 sqm.
MARYMOUNT VILLAGE, Bo. Anos
Los Baños
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,575,000.00

UCPB_LGN107 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 458 sqm.
Ocampo Cmpd., Sta. Clara Sur, PILA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 342,000.00

UCPB_LGN108 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 1,851.20 sqm.
Lot 695-B, Brgy. Pooc, STA. ROSA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,897,000.00

UCPB_LGN110 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm.
ROMAVILLE SUBDIVISION, Sta. Rosa
MIN. BID PRICE: P 400,500.00

UCPB_LGN111 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 433 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 5, CARDIL VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 945,000.00

UCPB_LGN113 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 2,078 sqm.
RICHWOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 11,530,000.00

UCPB_LGN114 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 280,800.00

UCPB_LGN115 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 238 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 418,761.00

UCPB_LGN116 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 249 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 438,115.50

UCPB_LGN117 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE. P 281,070.00

UCPB_LGN118 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 150 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 281,070.00

UCPB_LGN119 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 527,850.00

UCPB_LGN120 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 188 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 311,050.80

UCPB_LGN121 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
RICH WOOD PARK VILLAGE, San Pablo
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,643,850.00

UCPB_LGN122 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 370 sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 13, Mahalina St., San Antonio,
SAN PEDRO
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,944,000.00

UCPB_LGN123 - AGRO-INDUSTRIAL LOT
L.A. 60,000 sqm.
Bo. Palasan, STA. CRUZ
MIN. BID PRICE: P 7,560,000.00

UCPB_LGN124 - COMMERCIAL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 335 sqm.
ADELINA AGRI-VILL., Bo. Of Banca-Banca,
Victoria
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,862,000.00

NAGA CITY
TEXT – 0921-6422464

UCPB_NC126 - 2-STRY HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 600 sqm.
Sonsero St., VILLA SORABELLA SUBD
MIN. BID PRICE: P 5,103,000.00

UCB_NC127 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 5,000 sqm.
Lot 3-B-4-C, Brgy. Triangulo,
MIN. BID PRICE: P 18,000,000.00

UCPB_NC128 - COMMI/RSDL LOT
L.A. 5,500 sqm.
Brgy. Mabulo, NAGA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,910,000.00

UCPB_NC129 - COMMI/RSDL LOT
L.A. 5,000 sqm.
Brgy. Mabulo, NAGA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 6,300,000.00

UCPB_NC130 - GAS STATION W/
L.A. 10,000 sqm. BODEGA & W. HOUSE
Brgy. Mabulo, NAGA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 20,700,000.00

UCPB_NC131 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 4,455 sqm.
Along Isarog Ave., Brgy. Tinago,
MIN. BID PRICE: P 6,480,000.00

UCPB_NC132 - AGRICULTURAL LOT
L.A. 1,0074 sqm.
Pasacao-Pamplona Road, TAMBO
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,530,000.00

UCPB_NC133 - COMMI/RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,378 sqm.
Along Nat'l Rd. Labo, CAMARINES NORTE
MIN. BID PRICE: P 15,930,000.00

UCPB_NC134 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 847 sqm.
Santol St., Libolon, NAGA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 891,000.00

UCPB_NC135 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 2,633 sqm.
ROLIVILLE SUBD., Bo. Tambo, Pamplona
MIN. BID PRICE: P 853,200

PANGASINAN

UCPB_PSN138 - COMMI LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 6,098 sqm.
Brgy. Talospatang, MALASIQUI
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,731,000.00

QUEZON PROVINCE
TEXT – 0920-9222495

UCPB_QP029 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 884 sqm.
Brgy. Ilyam, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,370,000.00

UCPB_QP141 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
Lot 9 Blk 2, Brgy. Lagalag, TIAONG
MIN. BID PRICE: P 67,500.00

UCPB_QP142 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 258 sqm.
Brgy. Pahinga Norte, CANDELARIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 75,400.74

UCPB_QP143 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 220 sqm.
Brgy. Pahinga Norte, CANDELARIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 72,332.10

UCPB_QP144 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 250 sqm.
SAN ISIDRO SUBD., Brgy. Gulang-gulang,
Lucena
MIN. BID PRICE: P 484,524.85

UCPB_QP145 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 180 sqm.
SAN ISIDRO SUBD., Brgy. Gulang-gulang,
Lucena
MIN. BID PRICE: P 387,619.88

UCPB_QP146 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 480 sqm.
Purok Malahimik, Brgy Cotta, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,681,000.00

UCPB_QP147 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 266 sqm.
MARILAG COMPOUND,
Brgy. Gulang-Gulang, Lucena
MIN. BID PRICE. P 1,161,000.00

UCPB_QP148 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
Brgy. Lagalag, TIAONG
MIN. BID PRICE: P 72,900.00

UCPB_QP149 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 3,959 sqm.
Bo. Dumacaa, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,070,000.00

UCPB_QP150 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 200 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 3, Brgy. Pahinga Norte,
CANDELARIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 58,450.18

UCPB_QP151 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
Purok Malahimik, Cotta, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 710,149.86

UCPB_QP152 - 11 DOOR APARTMENT
L.A. 45 sqm each
Purok Malahimik, Cotta, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 106,522.48 each

UCPB_QP153 - APARTMENT
L.A. 73 sqm.
Purok Malahimik, Cotta, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 172,803.13

UCPB_QP154 - APARTMENT
L.A. 600 sqm.
Purok Malahimik, Cotta, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,420,299.73

UCPB_QP155 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 374 sqm.
CAPITOL HOMESITE SUBD. Cotta, Lucena City
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,543,500.00

UCPB_QP156 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 191 sqm F.A. 570
CAPITOL HOMESITE SUBD., Cotta, Lucena City
MIN. BID PRICE. (CALL US)

UCPB_QP157 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
Brgy. Lagalag, TIAONG
MIN. BID PRICE. P 67,500.00

UCPB_QP158 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 300 sqm.
WEST GATE SUBD., Brgy. Lagalag, Tiaong
MIN. BID PRICE: P 72,000.00

UCPB_QP159 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 17,129 sqm.
Brgy. Isabang, TAYABAS
MIN. BID PRICE: P 10,404,000.00

UCPB_QP160 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 216 sqm.
Brgy. Pahinga Norte, CANDELARIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 63,126.20

UCPB_QP161 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 261 sqm.
Brgy. Pahinga Norte, CANDELARIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 65,812.18

UCPB_QP162 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 200 sqm.
Brgy. Pahinga Norte, CANDELARIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 58,450.18

UCPB_QP163 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 4,431 sqm
Brgy. Ilyam, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,370,000.00

UCPB_QP164 - COMMERCIAL LOT
L.A. 1508 sqm.
Brgy. Ilyam, LUCENA CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 4,261,500.00

TAGAYTAY
TEXT – 0917-5443063

UCPB_TGY169 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 11,572 sqm.
Brgy. Maharlika East, TAGAYTAY CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 15,120,000.00

UCPB_TGY170(A) - RESIDENTIAL LOT -
L.A. 500 sqm. (Overlooking Taal Volcano)
PALM RIDGE, Metro Tagaytay
MIN. BID PRICE: P 936,000.00

UCPB_TGY170(B) - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 444 sqm. (Overlooking Taal Volcano)
PALM RIDGE, Metro Tagaytay
MIN. BID PRICE: P 735,264.00

UCPB_TGY170(C) - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 335 sqm. (Overlooking Taal Volcano)
PALM RIDGE, Metro Tagaytay
MIN. BID PRICE: P 627,120.00

UCPB_TGY170(D) - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 398 sqm. (Overlooking Taal Volcano)
PALM RIDGE, Metro Tagaytay
MIN. BID PRICE: P 659,068.00

UCPB_TGY170(E) - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 353 sqm. (Overlooking Taal Volcano)
PALM RIDGE, Metro Tagaytay
MIN. BID PRICE: P 660,816.00

TARLAC
TEXT – 0927-7981340

UCPB_TLC171 - INDL LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
L.A. 18,432 sqm.
Lot1-B, BRGY SAN JUAN DE MATA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,348,000.00

UCPB_TLC172 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 712 sqm.
VILLA SOLIMAN SUBD., Brgy. Salapungan
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,543,400.00

UCPB_TLC173 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 3,379 sqm.
BRGY. SAN ISIDRO
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,920,000.00

VISAYAS

AKLAN
TEXT – 0920-6166282

UCPB_AKN175 - RAWLAND
L.A. 16,245 sqm.
Lot E-7-C-2, Brgy. Bulwang, NUMANCIA
MIN. BID PRICE: P 3,285,000.00

UCPB_AKN176 - MEMORIAL PARK
L.A. 41,867 sqm.
Bo. Tiguyon, KALIBO
MIN. BID PRICE: P 10,287,000.00

UCPB_AKN177 - COMMERCIAL /
L.A. 460.50 sqm RESIDENTIAL LOT
Lot 3460-F-1-A, Brgy. Andagao, KALIBO
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,196,000.00

UCPB_AKN189 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 240 sqm.
MERCEDES VILLAGE, Kalibo
Min Bid Price: P935,000

UCPB_AKN 190 VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A. 266 sqm.
MERCEDES VILLAGE, Kalibo
Min Bid Price: P310,500

UCPB_AKN191 VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A. 240 sqm.
MERCEDES VILLAGE, Kalibo
Min Bid Price: P279,000

UCPB_AKN 192 VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A. 480 sqm.
MERCEDES VILLAGE, Kalibo
Min Bid Price: P558,000

UCPB_AKN193 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 480 sqm.
MERCEDES VILLAGE, Kalibo
Min Bid Price: P801,000

UCPB_AKN194 VACANT RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,001 sqm.
MERCEDES VILLAGE, Kalibo
Min Bid Price: P135,000

UCPB_AKN195 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 844 sqm (Brgy Boracay Nat'l Road)
Brgy. Manoc Manoc, BORACAY ISLAND
Min Bid Price: P1,831,500

UCPB_AKN196 GAS STATION w/ OFFICE/
L.A. 6,058 sqm. WAREHOUSE
Nat'l Road, BRGY. CATICLAN, Malay
Min Bid Price. P10,845,000

ANTIQUE
TEXT – 0920-6166282

UCPB_ATQ178 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 16,182 sqm.
Brgy. San Pedro, SAN JOSE
MIN. BID PRICE. P 2,002,500.00

BOHOL
TEXT – 0925-6256957

UCPB_BHL197 COMMERCIAL, BLDG.
L.A. 1,891 sqm.
J.A. Cenn St., TAGBILARAN CITY
Min. Bid Price: P1,800,000

CAPIZ
TEXT – 0920-6166282

UCPB_CPZ179 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 360 sqm.
Lot 14 Blk 2, MERIAM SUBD.,
Brgy. Baybay, Roxas
MIN. BID PRICE: P 508,500.00

UCPB_CPZ180 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 521 sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 3, ALTAVAS SUBD.,
Brgy. Baybay Roxas City
MIN. BID PRICE P 531,250.00

UCPB_CPZ198 VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 329 sqm.
MERIAM PARK SUBD., Roxas City
Min. Bid Price. P414,000

UCPB_CPZ199 HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 450 sqm
PARAGON SUBD., Roxas City
Min Bid Price P421,875

UCPB_CPZ200 VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 165 sqm
PARAGON SUBD., Roxas City
Min Bid Price: P75,300

UCPB_CPZ201 VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 257 sqm
PARAGON SUBD., Roxas City
Min Bid Price. P80,295

CEBU
TEXT – 0926-6256957

UCPB_CBU181 - COMMI/RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,080 sqm.
Lot 1, Brgy. Poblacion, MANDAUE CITY
MIN. BID PRICE: P 10,200,000.00

UCPB_CBU182 - 2-STRY COMML BLDG.
L.A. 508 sqm.
BRGY PARINA CENTRAL
MIN. BID PRICE: P 8,900,000.00

UCPB_CBU183 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 647 sqm.
ESPINA VILLAGE, Guadalupe
MIN. BID PRICE. P 2,853,000.00

UCPB_CBU202 VACANT COMML LOT
L.A. 39,755 sqm
TRANSCENTRAL HIWAY, Brgy. Busay
Min. Bid Price: P22,400,000

ILOILO CITY
TEXT – 0920-6166282

UCPB_IC184 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 13,144 sqm.
Lot 4255, Brgy. Poblacion Ilaya, CALINOG
MIN. BID PRICE: P 1,326,000.00

UCPB_IC185 - RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 6,521 sqm.
Lot 4432-A-5-1-A-3-E, Brgy. Poblacion Ilaya,
CALINOG
MIN. BID PRICE: P 2,494,750.00

UCPB_IC203 VACANT LOT
L.A. 10,000 sqm
JC Zulueta St., Oton
Min. Bid Price: P5,040,000

LEYTE
TEXT – 0926-6256957

UCBP_LYT204 VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 613 sqm. (various)
V & G BETTER HOMES SUBD., Tacloban City
Min Bid Price: P1,103,400 or P1,800 / sqm

UCBP_LYT205 VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT
L.A. 600 sqm.
V & G BETTER HOMES SUBD., Tacloban City
Min Bid Price: P918

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Anne started receiving messages from Jesus and Mary years ago. In fact, so subtle were these messages that at first she didn't recognize them as interior locutions. On her visit to Medjugorje, she experienced a more profound relationship with Jesus and Mary and began to converse freely with heaven. "I didn't know these were locutions," she states, "it felt like the most natural thing in the world."

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The Long Journey of the Volumes: Direction of Our Times

"These words I bring to you are more Good News. I want you to share these words, as you would share Good News. If you prepare a great banquet, filled with the finest of foods, you do not sit down alone to sample and enjoy it. You invite friends and loved ones to share and celebrate together. In the same way, I want you to share My words. I will secure the necessary permissions and then you must obey the promptings I place in your heart. All will be seen to. I require only your obedience. I send these words to call humanity back to the Light."

After careful discernment, Anne's Bishop approved of this work.

Jesus Explains Rescue Mission

"I wish to draw souls out of the world. As the world lured them away from me, now I call them back. My Sacred Heart, which beats with love for my children, is crying out with love. This is the beginning of my renewal and events will follow each other.

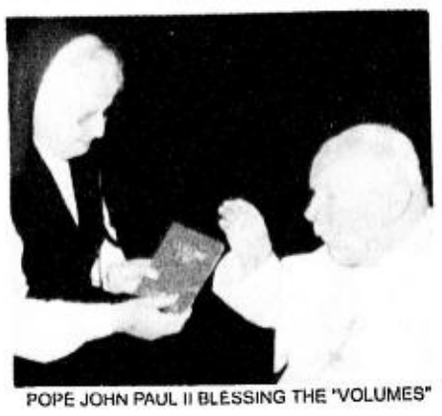
"The world has moved from My heart. The world is deluded into thinking union with God is unattainable, and even sadder, unimportant. Spirituality and your relationship with the God of All is not something extra, like a hobby. It must be the defining compass in your life, always directing your journey... Great changes are coming. We are set on a course.

"I want you to turn your eyes up to heaven and pledge your allegiance to My Father, who is all love. He will accept your pledge and consider you as soldiers of the Light. Only then can we commence this rescue mission. ... I do not want to frighten My children but I must convey to you the seriousness of these times. We are releasing countless graces now, to assist you in the preparation for the coming of God's Kingdom. My children must ready themselves for spiritual battle... You must choose the side of Light."

Jesus Gives Directions

In January 2004, Jesus gave Anne a series of 12 personal messages for Pope John Paul II. which were delivered by a Cardinal friend of the late Holy Father on Easter Sunday of 2004, with these words from Jesus: **"I would ask my servants to present these words as words from heaven. I have a great mission that I wish to accomplish through these messages and I have attached graces that are unimaginable to human minds. Those who read them will understand if they have been called to participate in this heavenly project. I want these words disseminated the world over. I will see that this is accomplished. Good and holy children of God, understand that these times are not like other times. These messages are not like other messages. I am trying to save many souls at this time. Do not think that this can be done in the future. It must be done now."**

Copies of the Volumes were also sent to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's office at the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith. Three days later, the group was called to a personal audience with the Holy Father. The Church was aware of the books, they were told, and would be looking at them with great care.


POPE JOHN PAUL II BLESSING THE "VOLUMES"

In September 2004, Archbishop Philip Hannan of New Orleans was so inspired by the messages that he enlisted Sis. Briege McKenna (Miracles Do Happen) and Fr. Kevin Scallon to discern the content of the Volumes and make contact with Anne and her Bishop. They too were deeply touched and encouraged Archbishop Hannan to proceed with his plan and the mission was launched by Focus Television Network throughout the United States.

Monthly Messages for the World

On December 1, 2004, Our Lord began giving a monthly message for the world. He indicated that Anne would receive a monthly message from Jesus to guide us through these times of transition.

On Christmas night, December 25, 2004, Our Lord told Anne that she would be invited to go to Rome. In January 2005, Archbishop Hannan brought Anne and her husband to the Vatican. Arch. Hannan was taken to the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith where he was confirmed in his discernment and told to continue his work with this mission.

Jesus told Anne in February 9, 2005: **"The Church is aware of this mission of mercy and is assisting through the cooperation of your bishop. It is I who wills this mission and it is I who directs its course."** On the same day, Sister Briege and Fr. Kevin, who were visiting Manila, informed a group of Filipino Marian devotees about Anne and the Volumes and encouraged them to look into this apostolate.

Lay Apostles

In April 2005, Our Lord revealed to Anne a set of guidelines for the *Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ, the Returning King* who will work in His rescue mission. Anne's Bishop approved the formation of this group. These were announced in a conference with Anne in New Orleans sponsored by Archbishop Hannan in July 2005.

Archbishop Rosales and Bishop Escaler endorse Volumes

In July, 2005 Bishop Federico Escaler, S.J. gave his imprimatur for the Youth Division booklet (the first of ten booklets) which was presented to the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI on the eve of the World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, for distribution to the youth.

On September 8, 2005, Our Blessed Mother's birthday, Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales of Manila blessed the Volumes and approved the formation of the *Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ, the Returning King*. On the same day, Bishop Escaler gave his imprimatur for the 8 Volumes.

Jesus Christ the Returning King

In these volumes, Jesus reveals that we are living in an Age of Disobedience. His rescue mission will bring us to a New Time, an age of Obedience. We are now in a transition period when a great spiritual battle will be fought and grow in intensity while great changes are in store for. the earth.

"My brothers and sisters of the world must prepare their hearts to welcome their King. Now I prepare to return. I am ready. Your world is not. What must you do to be ready? My brothers and sisters in the world must prepare their hearts."

"The process of My return has begun. You are the avenues through which these graces will flow. Open your hearts to me now. You have a role to play. I need you and you are mine."

"I am coming. Many of you will witness my return. Prepare Ye the way of the Lord. Be my advance cohort. Prepare for my return and you will be grateful for all eternity that you cooperated with this heavenly effort on earth."

"There is great work to be done. You will be part of the greatest renewal in the history of the world. It is coming. I am returning."

"All that I have is yours. All that you need is yours. All of heaven, dear Apostles, will be yours."

Today, the Solemnity of Christ the King, marks the launch of the Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King in the Philippines. Everyone is welcome to join in this apostolate. Read the accompanying story in the Inquirer Sunday magazine and visit our website: www.directionforourtimes.com

The Nourishment You Seek

Sr. Briege McKenna, O.S.C.

I began to read the volumes of directions given to Anne by the Lord. These writings have a quality about them which I have not encountered elsewhere. They remind me of Saint Faustina's ***Diary*** and also the revelations to St. Margaret Mary concerning the ***Devotion to the Sacred Heart***.

I suppose we should not be surprised that the Holy Trinity gives revelations of this kind to people like Anne. After all, it has been happening in the Church from the very beginning. Following the revelation concerning devotion to the ***Divine Mercy***, these little volumes remind us again of the tenderness of the Father's love and the mercy of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Many people who have read these volumes are profoundly impressed and moved by what they read.

The Volumes begin with a series of teachings concerning basic spirituality, going into details which people will see as extremely wise and very, very helpful. The first volume deals with ***Thoughts on Spirituality***. Other volumes deal with the ***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, the Father Speaking to His Children, the Blessed Virgin Addressing Priests, Bishops and Religious***, and even a volume on the ***Angels***. There is a directness about the writing which expresses at one and the same time great love and the promise of unique graces which the Lord wants to give to everyone. There are many references to events and purification, all of which will be familiar to those who have read accounts of Fatima and Medjugorje. These events are intended to purify the human race, to renew the face of the earth and to usher in a time of triumphant grace for the Church throughout the world.

I find myself reading these volumes and rereading them. They have provided me with an amazing degree of spiritual nourishment and interior blessing. To say that I recommend them to anyone would be an understatement. These little books in which the Lord speaks to us through his servant Anne have a relevance and an immediacy that is impossible to ignore.

These Volumes are available at all National Bookstore Outlets, Fully Booked, Catholic Bookstore in Arzobispado Manila, Bahay Maria (890-4539) & ADF (632-1003)

Allegiance Prayer

Dear God in Heaven, I pledge my allegiance to You. I give You my life, my work and my heart. In turn, give me the grace of obeying Your every direction to the fullest extent.

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, In union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, In reparation for my sins and for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING

"I am coming back. Are you ready?"

Three Servants of the Returning King

In 1938, Jesus told Sr. Faustinia Kowalska of Divine Mercy: **"I have a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming."** She died the same year at the age of 33. At that time, 18 year old Karol Wojtyla was enrolled in the Faculty of Philosophy at a Cracow university. He entered the Seminary in 1942.

In 1967, His Eminence, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, in a solemn ceremony, closes the Informative Process of Sis. Faustinia, Servant of God, as the first step towards her sainthood. Thirty three years later, during the Jubilee Year 2000, as Pope John Paul II, he canonized St. Faustinia of Divine Mercy.

His Holiness, in proclaiming the New Advent of the Third Millennium, said:

"The Great Jubilee cannot be a mere remembrance of a past event... It is to be the celebration of a Living Presence and to look towards the Second Coming of Our Savior when he will establish once and for all his Kingdom of justice, love and peace."

"Christians are called to renew their hope in the definitive coming of the Kingdom of God, preparing for it daily in their hearts..."

Pope John Paul II was taken home by the Father on April 2, 2005, First Saturday after Easter. It was 3 o'clock in the morning (Manila time) on the Feast of Divine Mercy.

This torch of preparing for the coming of the Kingdom of God is now passed to Anne, a lay apostle of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

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Bolante said to have sneaked back into RP

By TJ Burgonio and Nikko Dizon

JOCELYN "JOC-JOC" BOLANTE, the elusive central figure in the alleged misuse of the Department of Agriculture's P728-million fertilizer fund, has slipped back into the country from the United States almost unnoticed.

The former agriculture undersecretary arrived in Manila last Tuesday night, two days before the Senate committee on agriculture and food resumed its inquiry into the fund controversy, according to a reliable source at the Senate.

Bolante, however, took an irregular route. He flew from the US via Singapore to Cebu, and spent a few days there before taking a Philippine Airlines flight to Manila on Tuesday, the same source said.

The source said that their mole saw Bolante arrive at the airport at around 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"We got a feedback [that he's here]," committee chair Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said in an interview. "We're now trying to find out where we can serve our subpoena. If he wants to come forward, that's good. We're not here to prosecute him."

Bolante's lawyer, Antonio M. Zulueta, denied the report, saying "He's still out of the country. Since he left, he's still abroad. He's now in Australia."

When the INQUIRER checked with immigration authorities, there was no record of his arrival. The source, however, said he had been informed that Bolante' s name had been stricken off the passenger manifest.

Another INQUIRER source said there were no immigration records of Bolante's return to the country via the Mactan International Airport in Cebu or the Manila terminals.

Bolante left for Los Angeles, California, on Oct. 26 via PAL flight PR 102, evading the Senate hearing scheduled that day to which he and his former boss, ex-Agriculture Secretary Luis "Cito" Lorenzo Jr., had been invited.

Bolante, a Rotary International treasurer and director, has managed to evade the committee's three hearings, including last Thursday's.

On Wednesday, a day after he supposedly arrived, Zulueta wrote Magsaysay to say that his client could not attend the hearing the next day because he was still out of the country "attending to prior commitments."

DA: Aggie fund went to Zubiri project

By TJ Burgonio

A PORTION OF THE P728-MILlion fertilizer fund of the Department of Agriculture that could not be accounted for earlier turned out to have been realigned to the Department of Public Works and Highways for the construction of a farm-to-market road at the request of Bukidnon Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri.

The Department of Agriculture disclosed this in a position paper it submitted to the Senate committee on agriculture and food, which is investigating allegations that the money was distributed as political largesse to allies of President Macapagal-Arroyo to help her win last year's election.

The DA said that of the P728 million intended for farm inputs and implements to help farmers nationwide, P5 million "was negated" by the Department of Budget and Management so it could be realigned to a farm-to-market road as requested by Zubiri and the money was eventually transferred to the DPWH.

Zubiri, a close ally of the President, was on the DA's official list of recipients of the fund with an allocation of P5 million.

"If true, that is a worse conversion," former Solicitor General Frank Chavez said in an interview. "Not only did it not go to farmers' organizations, it was used for purposes other than it was intended for. That's a form of technical malversation."

Until this disclosure, the P5 million could not be accounted for. In previous hearings, officials from the Commission on Audit spoke of the P723 million being released to the DA's regional field units and said they presumed that the P5 million had been retained by the DA main office.

"That's the missing P5 million. Until now, that has not been accounted for by the COA officials, which only means that they're not doing their job," said Chavez, who filed plunder charges against Ms Arroyo and other officials with the Ombudsman in connection with the alleged misuse of the fund.

Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban submitted the DA paper to the Senate committee, through the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, last Monday. He snubbed anew the committee's third hearing last Thursday, invoking Executive Order 464, which bars administration officials from appearing before congressional hearings without the President's consent.

"We hope that the attached official position of the Department of Agriculture will help clarify and resolve the issues being raised" in the hearing, Panganiban said in a Nov. 14 letter to committee chair Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr.

Enrile firm has no permit to operate, SEC records show

By PDI Research

THE SAN JOSE TIMBER CORP., the controversial logging company said to be owned by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, may have a permit to log but not to operate as a corporation.

A check with the company registration and monitoring department data base of the Securities and Exchange Commission showed the SEC had revoked the SJTC's certificate of registration on May 26, 2003, for "noncompliance with SEC reportorial requirements."

This means the company has not been submitting general information and financial statements for the past six years.

Unless the SJTC moves to have the revocation lifted by paying the P1,010 fine, on top of other penalties, the company cannot operate at all.

There is no deadline set for having the revocation lifted and no new companies may be allowed to use the registration name without the SJTC's consent.

As of yesterday, SEC records showed the revocation had not been lifted, though SEC staff admitted there could be some delay in the uploading of documents to its data base.

The company became the center of controversy recently when it emerged that Environment Secretary Michael Defensor had signed an order on Aug. 16 allowing SJTC to resume logging operations on Samar island after a 16-year log ban in the province.

The Defensor order also extended the SJTC's logging permit to 2021, or 16 years and three months beyond its expiry on June 30, 2007.

An outcry of protest from politicians, clerics and social activists greeted the move which, it had been suggested, may have been some form of political accommodation to Enrile who is a member of the congressional Commission on Appointments that confirmed Defensor's appointment as environment secretary.

The SJTC's 95,770-hectare logging concession covers parts of a forest reserve and a nature park on Samar, the country's third largest island and a rich center of biodiversity.

Enrile came to be involved with SJTC in December 1978 when the company became an affiliate of the Eurasia Group, which had itself been formed by the Enrile family's Jaka Investment Corp. to manage its investments in the "lights and wood" industry.

Jaka Investment Corp, formed in August 1974, is one of the country's largest family-owned conglomerates with an asset base of over P9 billion. It is engaged in various businesses, including the manufacture of matches, food, bottled water, securities and financial services, real estate, golf courses, marketing and distribution, and aircraft charter.

Jaka's initial ventures involved the takeover and rehabilitation of bankrupt wood and match manufacturing companies. By December 1978, Jaka had rehabilitated Dolores Timber, Samar Lumber, Provident Tree Farms , Panomatch Co., Samar Match, Dolores Timber and Casilayan Softwood Development Corp.

In 1984, then Environment Secretary Teodoro Peña issued a timber license agreement (TLA) to SJTC, which allowed the company to use the forest resources of Samar.

The company also acquired an integrated forestry management agreement (Ifma), allowing it to develop, manage, protect and utilize a specified area of forest land and forest resource for 25 years, renewable for another 25-year period.

STUDY IN AUSTRALIA AND BE A GLOBAL PERSON

ARE you ready for a globalizing world?

Four Filipinos who studied and graduated from Australian universities were not only ready but also have conquered and owned a place in this slowly highly competitive global village. Rubina Ram Hathiramani, Karina Mahbubani, Angelo Mañosa and Jennie Verano all made investments in their future by studying in Australia.

WHY STUDY DOWN UNDER, MATE?
These four Australian alumni know that with the phenomenon called globalization permeating different dimensions - economic, political and cultural - they need to be armed with higher education beyond Philippine waters. A diploma and valuable skills from a foreign university will be the key to limitless employment opportunities and career advancement here and abroad.

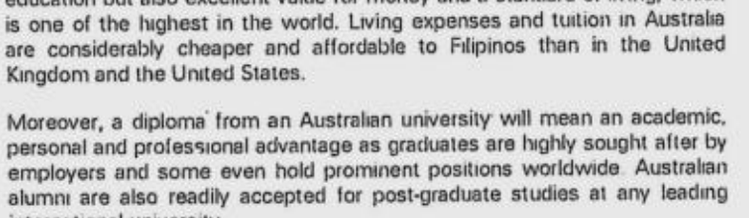
And their study destination choice: **Australia**. It offers not only world-class education but also excellent value for money and a standard of living, which is one of the highest in the world. Living expenses and tuition in Australia are considerably cheaper and affordable to Filipinos than in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Moreover, a diploma from an Australian university will mean an academic, personal and professional advantage as graduates are highly sought after by employers and some even hold prominent positions worldwide. Australian alumni are also readily accepted for post-graduate studies at any leading international university.

So, the four packed their bags and went to an adventure of a lifetime and savored the unique Aussie educational experience, which encourages creative, fresh and independent thinking.

"Studying in Australia has been a great experience for us. It has enlightened us to be more independent and trained in our managerial, tourism and hospitality skills," says Hathiramani, who spent three-years studying in Hospitality and Tourism Management in Blue Mountains Hotel Management School in Sydney.

Her classmate and now business partner in running their own restaurant, Queen Crystal Garden, Mahbubani agrees: "The quality of education in Blue Mountain is excellent... Most of the graduates begin their career in major international hotels or tourism establishments with many moving into senior level positions within a relatively short period of time."



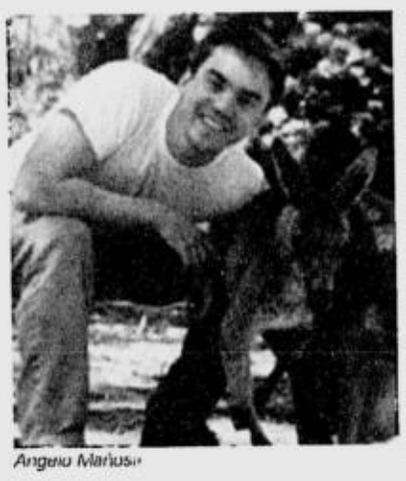
Karina Mahbubani & husband Ram Hathiramani

ONE BIG LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
In and out of the campus, culturally-diverse Australia is one big learning classroom.

With people from over 140 countries calling it their home and over 250,000 students from 195 nations attending its universities, the country is a melting pot providing opportunities for learners to compare and assimilate other people's cultures.

"Studying in Australia was an awakening for me in understanding other cultures. It was a great way to make new friends, gain confidence in what I do, knowing that the backbone of my education was second to none," says Manosa who earned his Masters in Design Science from University of Sydney.

The very "green" Australian cities also awaken Mañosa's slumbering environmental consciousness. He says. The experience of living in Australia makes one understand and appreciate just how important our environment is to our lives. You can really enjoy the great outdoors, from the beaches to the mountains, while still living in the busy metropolis where hundreds of people from different races, cultures merge into a hodge-podge of cuisines, urban developments, businesses, and game."



Angelo Mañosa

But of course, being a cosmopolitan society, Australia is not an "all-work, no-play" country. Aussies work hard but party hard equally.

Thus, Mañosa has this to say to all Filipinos looking forward to earning their degree in the Land Down Under. "When studying in Australia, always keep an 'open mind.' Try everything and anything once, that way you have no regrets when you come back. Sydney is very conducive to studying and learning from great minds but it is also very conducive to partying and having a great time – don't lose sight of your primary objectives! Always try to keep a good balance between working hard and playing hard!"

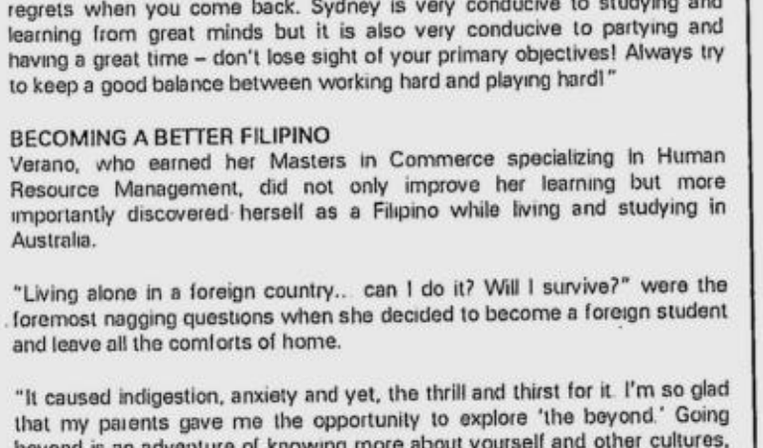
BECOMING A BETTER FILIPINO
Verano, who earned her Masters in Commerce specializing in Human Resource Management, did not only improve her learning but more importantly discovered herself as a Filipino while living and studying in Australia.

"Living alone in a foreign country.. can I do it? Will I survive?" were the foremost nagging questions when she decided to become a foreign student and leave all the comforts of home.

"It caused indigestion, anxiety and yet, the thrill and thirst for it. I'm so glad that my parents gave me the opportunity to explore 'the beyond.' Going beyond is an adventure of knowing more about yourself and other cultures, about new knowledge and skills, how to blend with other nationalities and how to survive," Verano reminisces.

But after years of being away from home, she is the first to agree with the irony of becoming a better Filipino while living in a foreign land, "Living and studying in Australia has made me more independent, has given me a lot of genuine friends all over the world, broadened my mind to new ideas and learning, increased my knowledge and skills and, more importantly, strengthened me as a Filipino. It was one great exciting journey that I will never forget," she says.

"I encourage everyone, if given the chance, to study outside of the Philippines. You will learn so much more than you ever dreamed of. And studying in Australia is no exception. The well-thought of subjects/courses great teachers, classmates from all over the world, friendly Aussies, a beautiful country - what more can you ask for," she adds. "I certainly learned a lot and grew as a global person."



Interested in studying in Australia? Attend these seminars and learn about the Australian education system, application procedures, and student visa requirements. Get a chance to talk to Australian university and school representatives about their programs.

Admission to these seminars is free, but pre-registration is required. Please call Lance (757 8144) or Liza (757 8287) to register.

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, November 20, 2005
Christ the King

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**

God, the Shepherd-King

Indeed Yahweh says this: I myself will care for my sheep and watch over them. As the shepherd looks after his flock when he finds them scattered, so will I watch over my sheep and gather them from all the places where they were scattered in a time of cloud and fog.

I myself will tend my sheep and let them rest, word of Yahweh. I will search for the lost and lead back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the fat and strong will be eliminated. I will shepherd my flock with justice.

As for you, my flock—says Yahweh—I will distinguish between one sheep and another, and set apart rams and goats.

2nd Reading: **1st Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

Christ must reign

Brothers and sisters, Christ has been raised from the dead and he comes before all those who have fallen asleep. A human being brought death; a human being also brings resurrection of the dead. All die for being Adam's, and in Christ all will receive life. However, each one in his own time: first Christ, then Christ's people, when he visits them.

Then the end will come, when Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, after having destroyed every rule, authority and power. For he must reign and put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed will be death.

When the Father has subjected everything to him, the Son will place himself under the One who subjected everything to him. From then on, God will be all in all.

Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46**

Christ will judge us on the basis of our love of people

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all his angels, he will sit on the throne of his Glory. All the nations will be brought before him, and as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, so will he do with them, placing the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"The King will say to those on his right: 'Come, blessed of my Father! Take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. For I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to see me.'

"Then the good people will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food; thirsty and give you drink, or a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to see you?' The King will answer, 'Truly, I say to you: whenever you did this to these little ones who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left: 'Go, cursed people, out of my sight into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you did not give me anything to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me into your house; I was naked and you did not clothe me; I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

"They, too, will ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked or a stranger, sick or in prison, and did not help you?' The King will answer them: 'Truly, I say to you: whatever you did not do for one of these little ones, you did not do for me.'

"And these will go into eternal punishment, but the just to eternal life."

Commentary

Our King is a Good Shepherd who cares for his own sheep leading them to pastures and protecting them from destruction. And he is judge of the nations, the Son of Man with all the power and glory of God. This is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, of the year 2005. It is Judgment Day. Will we as a nation find ourselves with the sheep or with the goats? Is our nation known for compassion, care for the poor, providing the basic necessities of life-the demands of justice: food, water, clothing, shelter, medicine and freedom from oppression? Did this year belong to God? Did we serve our God and one another this year or are we in need of repentance and turning? O Jesus do not let us wander from you. Bring us back and save us.

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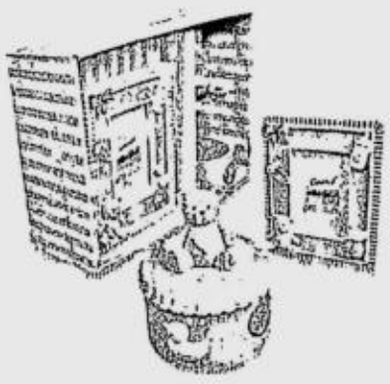

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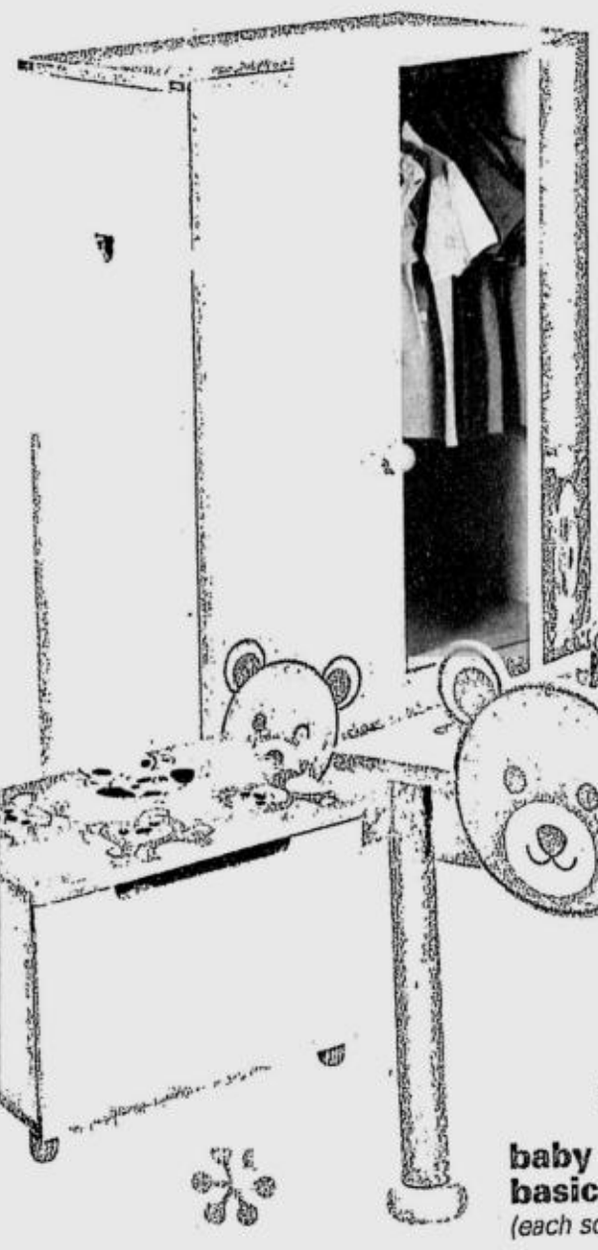

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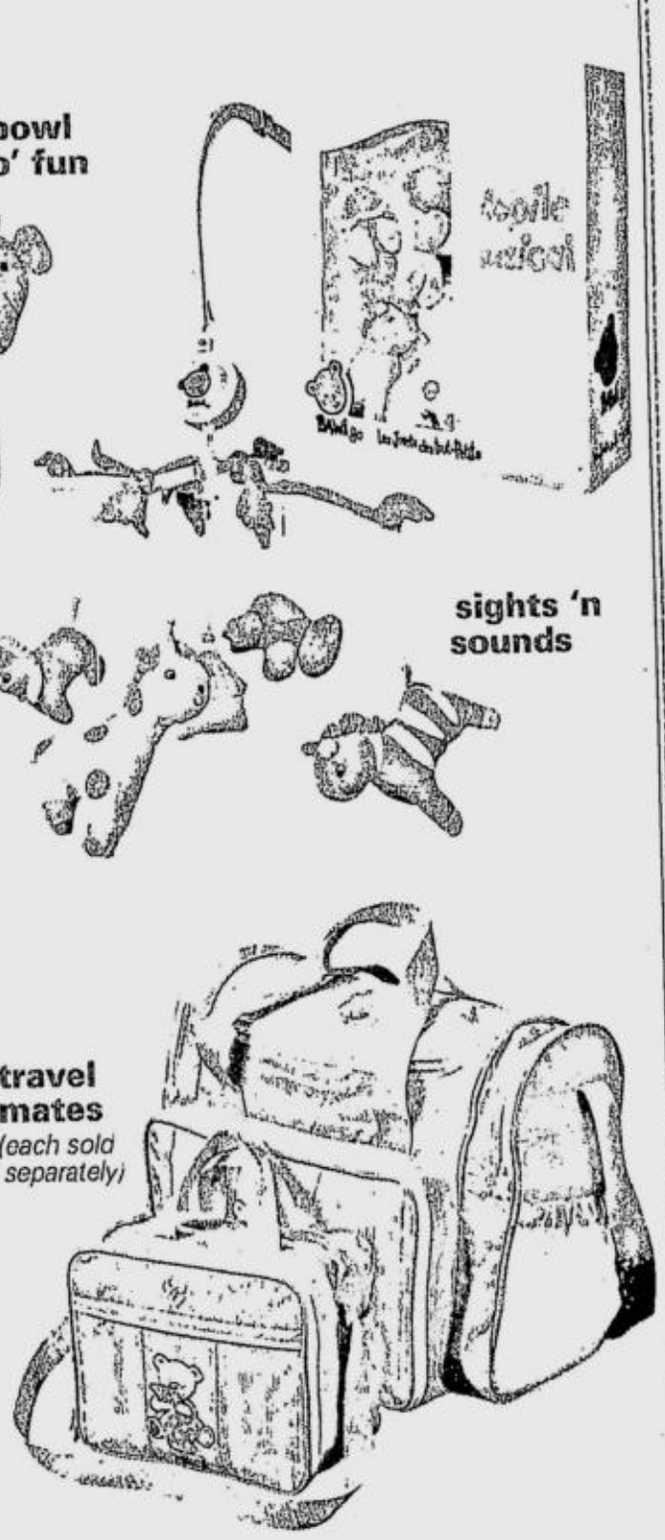

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The Busan declaration

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA—ASIA Pacific leaders joined forces on Saturday to fight threats to their economies from a possible bird flu pandemic and high oil prices, and pressed for an end to the deadlock in world trade talks.

Australia pledged more than $70 million to help prepare the region for a possible pandemic.

The 21 leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum, which includes the United States, Japan, China and Russia, issued a statement of priorities after talks at a seafront retreat in the port city of Pusan.

In a declaration, the leaders vowed to bolster cooperation to fight bird flu and stage a "desktop" simulation drill in early 2006 to test regional responses and communication in the event of a pandemic.

A lethal strain of the H5N1 virus has killed 67 of the 130 people it has infected in Asia since late 2003, but the real fear is that it will mutate and acquire the ability to pass from human to human, causing a global pandemic.

"We agreed on collective, practical measures, including ... testing pandemic preparedness, beginning with a desktop simulation exercise in early 2006 to test regional responses and communication networks," the declaration said.

Highest on the agenda for Apec was the impasse in World Trade Organization negotiations.

But the group—which accounts for almost half of world commerce but includes countries that face domestic resistance to liberalizing their own markets—stopped short of naming the European Union as the spoiler of the talks.

The EU has been widely criticized for refusing to open its long-protected markets further to agricultural imports unless developing nations improved access for other goods and services.

Concerns on oil

Apec is sometimes dismissed as a talking-shop with little clout and an overcrowded agenda. While its leaders focused squarely on the biggest dangers to their economies, many of their promised initiatives appeared to fall short on details.

While they raised concerns about high oil prices hurting their energy-hungry economies, for instance, they were not clear on how they planned to ease supply and demand strains beyond promising energy efficiency, conservation and diversification.

However, they did agree to work more closely against terrorism, sharing intelligence, cutting off flows of funds to terrorists and preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. *Reuters, AFP*

AMONG THE TREES along the sea coast of Busan, President Arroyo walks between the next Apec host Vietnam President Tran Duc Luong (left) and the present host, South Korea President Roh Moo-hyun. PCPO/MALACAÑANG PHOTO

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Vietnam President Tran Duc Luong, South Korea President Roh Moo-Hyun, Chile's President Ricardo Lagos, Malaysia PM Abdullah Badawi, Japan's PM Junichiro Koizumi, Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Hongkong's Chief Executive David Tsang.

GMA, Bush skip rape issue in Busan meet

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villa, including naval cordons and helicopters, to protect the leaders against threats of attack and to keep demonstrations far away.

Favila and other members of the Philippine delegation refused to divulge what exactly Ms Arroyo and Bush talked about.

What was certain was that they spoke "quite lengthily," said Favila.

Close to the heart

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye described the meeting as "very fruitful and very productive."

"The subject matters were close to the heart of both presidents," Bunye said in a media briefing. "Whenever you have exchanges with world leaders, it's always a productive endeavor. You get to exchange ideas and notes on how to pursue various initiatives."

Bunye hinted that Malacañang was not bothered about the six American Marines being under US custody, despite demands by some lawmakers for the soldiers to be handed over to Philippine custody.

Not a few had raised concerns that the United States might try to go around the VFA to keep the soldiers in American hands.

"I think what's important is at the proper time, when they are needed by the courts, they are available to answer the charges. The bottom line is when the trial starts, they're here to answer," Bunye said.

Bunye said that "what is important" was the Marines would be tried by a Philippine court.

GMA proposal

"I think what is being done is pursuing justice consistent with due process," he said. "If we have a Filipino who's facing charges in another country, we do not want that countryman to be subjected to a lynch mob. We will insist that that Filipino be treated with due process, given counsel and that all the legal requirements are complied with."

In the "Asean 7" meeting with Bush, Bunye said Ms Arroyo made two concrete proposals on how to more effectively fight terrorism in the region.

Ms Arroyo volunteered to host the Apec experts meeting on counter-terrorism and suggested a similar joint meeting among Asean, the United States and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization composed of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

"The President called on the United States to support and even spearhead this initiative," Bunye said in a statement. "She deeply appreciated the candid sharing of views among the leaders."

3-tiered defense

At the broader Apec meeting itself, the Asia Pacific leaders sought to breathe life into stalled global trade negotiations with a statement calling for a breakthrough in a stalemate with Europe over agricultural subsidies.

In Manila, the Philippine National Police welcomed the news that Apec members had commended the country for its campaign against terrorism.

PNP spokesperson Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil said the country's three-tiered defense system involving intelligence gathering, target-hardening and managing of an incident could "serve as a model for other Asean countries." *With a report from Luige A. del Puerto*

WOULD YOU believe? A humanoid robot with the face of Albert Einstein gets to meet US President Bush and President Arroyo at the information technology exhibit in Busan. The exhibition combines Korea's natural and cultural heritages with the latest cutting edge technology toward branding the country as a global IT hub. PCPO/MALACAÑANG PHOTO

RP offers itself as model in fight against bird flu

By Christian V. Esguerra

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA (VIA PLDT)—After winning commendation for its campaign against terror, the Philippines yesterday offered itself as a model in fighting the avian flu.

President Macapagal-Arroyo briefed fellow leaders of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum on how to combat a possible pandemic, drawing from the "success story" of the Philippines—one of only three Southeast Asian countries still free from bird flu.

The two others are Singapore and Brunei.

In her six-minute speech at the Nurimaru Apec House, Ms Arroyo shared the Philippine strategy in warding off avian influenza, hoping that it would be used as a model for other Apec member-countries.

The meeting, which tackled human security issues such as counter-terrorism and bird flu, was closed to coverage. But Dr. Antonio Golez, deputy administrator of the Office of Civil Defense and a member of Ms Arroyo's delegation specifically on the bird flu issue, briefed reporters on her presentation.

Ms Arroyo suggested that "bio-security measures," such as foot baths, be placed in airports and seaports.

Returning the favor

She specifically offered to provide technical assistance to Indonesia on how to more effectively contain the spread of the virus.

It was a matter of returning the favor, considering that Jakarta "has been very helpful in the peace process in Mindanao and in the antiterror campaign," Golez said. Ms Arroyo discussed the Philippines' four-stage approach, which starts with prevention. Stage 2 measures will come once the bird flu has infected domestic fowl, while Stage 3 is designed to keep the infection within the poultry population.

Stage 4 will be implemented once the virus mutates into a strain capable of moving from person to person.

Preparedness plan

At present, the President said that around 200 kilos of poultry products smuggled into the country by airport passengers were confiscated weekly.

She told the Apec leaders that it was important to replicate the preparedness plan down to the local levels.

The President also stressed the need not to disturb sanctuaries of migratory birds as this would push them into the company of nearby poultry, triggering a possible infection.

Ms Arroyo stressed the need for cooperation and "engagement" in terms of the manufacture and availability of antivirals and vaccines.

"We just want to make sure that these antiviral drugs will be available and affordable because in some countries (they are) sold at exorbitant prices, like in the Philippines," Golez said.

RP in charge

The Philippines was actually assigned a prominent role in fighting the bird flu during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean)-United Nations Summit on Disasters in Jakarta last month, according to Golez.

Golez said Manila was designated as the "country in charge of combating avian flu with regard to public awareness and education." He said the role was contained in the Asean Regional Framework on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

"Because of our success story, they chose us to be the lead shepherd," Golez told the INQUIRER.

Part of the Jakarta strategy is a monthly video-conference among Asean ministers of health, agriculture and other key officials to be facilitated by the Philippines.

The first "cyber meeting" is set for Nov. 28 at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City.

No red carpet, no yellow ribbons for Mark Jimenez

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media-shy Mark Jimenez who will be coming home on Tuesday after nearly two years in a US federal prison, friends said yesterday.

"He would like to devote his time to God's words," one of the friends told the INQUIRER.

But that doesn't mean Jimenez would be all forgiving, the friend indicated.

Except Nani

"He has said he has already forgiven all those who have crossed him, except Nani," he said, referring to former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez whom Jimenez had accused of extorting $2 million from him in a case now pending before the Ombudsman.

The former congressman was extradited to the United States on Dec. 26, 2002, on charges of making illegal campaign contributions to the US Democratic Party and committing tax fraud.

"It's not that he will not pursue it, he expects the government to pursue it," a second Jimenez friend said of the case against Perez. "He [was] served justice so he expects those who have liabilities to [be] serve[d] [it] as well."

Top priority

This friend said being reunited with his family and making up for lost time with them would be Jimenez's top priority.

"He would like to spend time with his family away from media [limelight]," he said. "He's going to be quiet."

His return is timely. Aside from being able to spend Christmas with his family, he will also celebrate his birthday with them on Dec. 31.

One of the friends said he did not expect Jimenez to hold a press conference or grant interviews on his arrival.

Under US escort

Some congressmen will turn up to welcome him but no other VIP treatment awaits Jimenez.

Jimenez is being deported by the United States after serving his sentence and is expected to be on a New York-Seoul-Manila flight scheduled to touch down at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at 10:55 a.m.

He will be escorted by US authorities as required in deportation procedures.

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay and other congressmen-friends will be on hand to welcome him back as he disembarks from a Korean Airlines flight.

Pichay's humor

"I will say 'Hi! How was the American prison? Was there discrimination there?'" Pichay quipped.

Pichay said Manila Rep. Joey Hizon and ex-Congressmen Willie Villarama and Didagen Dilangalen might join him, recalling that he and Villarama were among those who accompanied MJ on his flight to the US when he was extradited.

His family is expected to meet him as well.

As he fought his extradition case in 2002, Jimenez exploded charges of corruption against the Arroyo administration. He said Perez extorted $2 million for the approval of a contract with the Argentine firm Impsa.

Up to Ombudsman

He also said he gave P8 million to the Lualhati Foundation of the President and her husband Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo.

Perez and Mr. Arroyo have denied the allegations.

"He hasn't said anything about GMA before so I don't expect him to say anything against her when he returns," Pichay told the INQUIRER.

Pichay said he did not expect Jimenez to personally go after Perez.

"The case is already pending in the Ombudsman. It's beyond MJ now. It's up to the Ombudsman to file the necessary charges," Pichay said.

Mayor of Manila?

Pichay said he could not second-guess Jimenez's political and other plans after settling back in Manila. There has been talk that Jimenez, who had been unseated as a congressman of Manila, would run for mayor of the capital in 2007.

A close friend said Jimenez's family was strongly against his plunging back into politics.

When Jimenez left the country, he bewailed that there was "no justice" here and that his extradition was "only the beginning. I shall return."

'Marcos victims would have Congress to blame'

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

CONGRESS WOULD BE SOLELY TO BLAME if billions of pesos confiscated by the government from the estate of Ferdinand Marcos were to be spent without at least 10,000 people being compensated for the torture and other human rights abuses they suffered under his dictatorship.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. issued the warning after the discovery during the Senate's budget hearings that the government had already spent P27 billion of the P37 billion that had been turned over to it by the Swiss government. The money was part of alleged ill-gotten wealth that the Marcoses had stashed away in secret Swiss bank accounts.

Budget Secretary Romulo Neri said the P27 billion had been spent on agrarian reform as mandated by the law creating the Presidential Commission on Good Government, which had been tasked with recovering the wealth the Marcoses and their associates allegedly amassed illegally during their 20 years in power.

P8 billion held in escrow

President Macapagal-Arroyo promised last year that P8 billion of the P37 billion turned over by the Swiss government would be held in escrow for the human rights victims pending passage by Congress of a law authorizing such compensation.

But Pimentel said both houses of Congress had been dragging their feet on the measure, which is needed because the law mandates that ill-gotten wealth recovered from the Marcoses should go to the agrarian reform program.

"It is very saddening that about 19 years after the collapse of the Marcos dictatorship, the victims of human rights violations are still waiting for the indemnity due them," Pimentel said in a statement. "The irony of it is that money is available – part of the recovered loot of the leader who was the cause of their misery – but it is being withheld from them because of Congress' inaction on the bill."

Pimentel, author of the bill in the Senate, said that by their inaction, the lawmakers had become a party to the continuing injustice inflicted on the victims of the Marcos dictatorship.

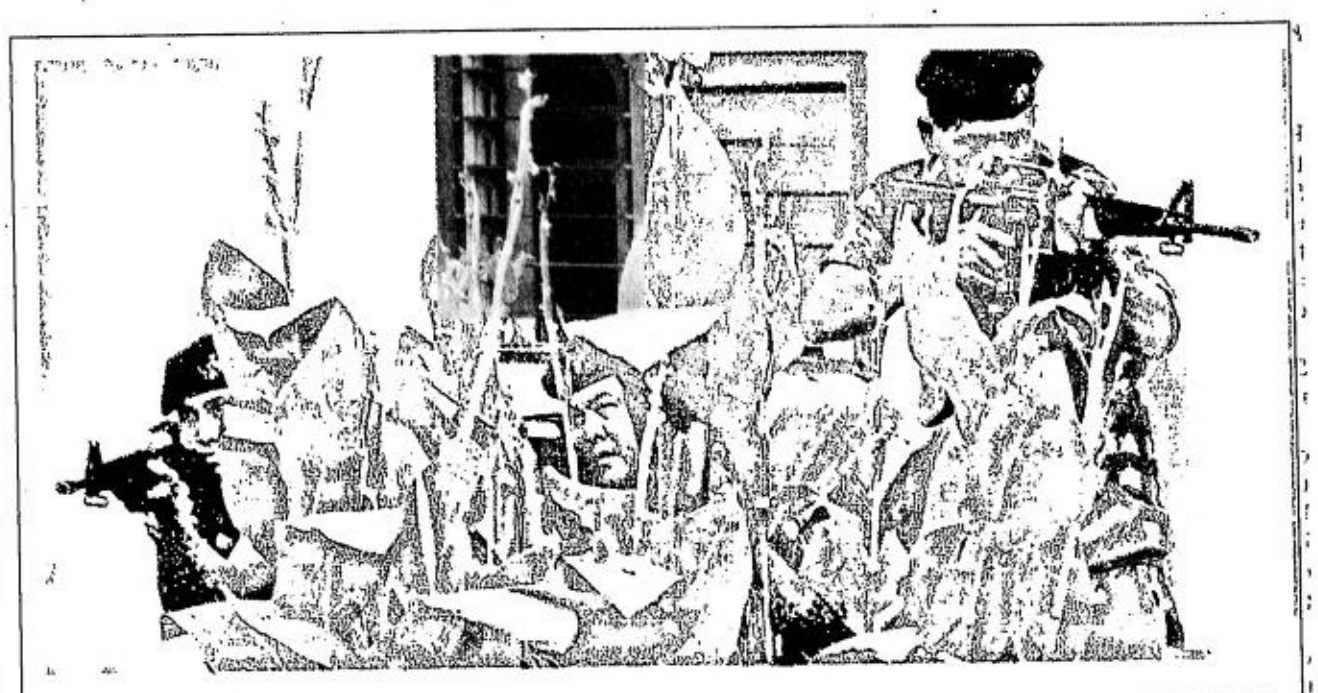
Deposits forfeited

He said the bill was filed two years ago after the Supreme Court issued a final ruling forfeiting the Marcos Swiss deposits in favor of the government.

He said he could not understand why the bill had not moved at all despite an agreement between Malacañang and Congress to treat it as urgent legislation.

The Senate is now preoccupied with the hearings on the proposed P1.05 trillion national budget for next year. Apart from dealing with the budget, the House of Representatives is also grappling with the speakership issue between Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. and Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay and Charter change.

Both houses have less than one month to go before adjourning for the Christmas holidays.



TAKING COVER EDWIN BACASMAS
Soldiers go through a tactical training exercise to be better prepared for any contingency at Philippine Army Headquarters at Fort Bonifacio yesterday.

RP seeks freedom of Pinoys in KL jail

THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN Kuala Lumpur said it was seeking the "release with immediate repatriation" of an undetermined number of Filipinos who have been detained for a prolonged period in the East Malaysian state of Sabah for violations of Malaysian immigration laws.

Luis Cruz, the embassy charge d'affaires, said in a statement over the weekend the embassy had issued travel documents to the detainees who are being held at the Menggatal Detention Camp for Foreign Nationals in Menggatal, Sabah.

Cruz said the embassy earlier issued more than a thousand travel documents to other Filipino detainees in Sabah just before the Eid'l Fitr holiday so the Filipinos would be free to spend the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan with their families.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said the foreign affairs department had yet to receive information from the embassy on exactly how many Filipinos were being held at Menggatal.

Asuque said the Kuala Lumpur embassy had been coordinating closely with the Malaysian Human Rights Commission on the issue.

The DFA said Consul Anne Luis was supposed to visit the Menggatal detention center on Nov. 15, but had to call it off because of a protest staged by nearly 200 Indonesian inmates against their "prolonged detention."

Asuque said no Filipino joined the protest.

After the incident, Luis asked to meet with Sabah authorities to ensure the safety of the Filipino detainees. *Nikko Dizon*

The WORLD

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Three new bomb attacks in Iraq kill 87

BAGHDAD, IRAQ—A CAR BOMB EXPLODED Saturday a market outside Baghdad killing at least 13 people and wounding 21, while Iraqi police have arrested four people in connection with the suicide bombing of two mosques with one man being an apparent third suicide bomber, police said.

The Saturday morning explosion occurred near the Diyala Bridge area just southeast of the Iraqi capital as dozens of people were shopping at a popular market, said police Col. Nouri Ashour. The dead included five women, he said.

On Friday, two suicide bombers wandered into the Sheik Murad mosque and the Grand Mosque in the border town of Khanaqin during noon prayers and detonated explosives strapped to their bodies, police and survivors said.

Reported death tolls on Saturday ranged from 76, provided by Kurdish officials, to at least 100, provided by police. Hospital officials said Friday that 74 people were killed and more than 100 injured in the largely Kurdish town, about 140 km northeast of Baghdad.

It was the deadliest attack since Sept. 29, when three suicide car bombers struck in the mostly Shiite town of Balad just north of Baghdad, killing at least 99 people.

A security officer in Khanaqin, who asked not to be identified because of the nature of his job, said four people were arrested following the blasts, three were strangers who came from outside the town and the fourth was a third suicide bomber who was found near the scene.

Khanaqin police had received information from the authorities in nearby Baqouba about a possible suicide bomber in the town, but it came just minutes before the attacks, he added.

The attack came just hours after two car bombs exploded outside the Hamra Hotel Friday, in the second attack against a compound housing foreign journalists in the Iraqi capital in less than a month.

In Khanaqin, the blast ripped down part of the roof of the Grand Mosque and heavily damaged the other place of worship. At sunset, dozens of people were still searching the rubble for missing family members and friends. Others collected shredded copies of the Muslim holy book, the Koran.

One of the survivors, Omar Saleh, said he was on his knees bowing in prayer when the bomb exploded at the Grand Mosque.

"The roof fell on us and the place was filled with dead bodies," Saleh, 73, said from his hospital bed.

Salem Ali Mohammed, 32, said he was in the mosque's washroom when he heard a strong explosion. "I thought a rocket had hit the mosque," he said. "I walked toward the prayer room and saw that the ceiling had collapsed and dead bodies were everywhere."

American soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division sent medical specialists and supplies to the town, located about 10 km from the Iranian border.

In Baghdad, the attack on the Hamra Hotel began about 8:12 a.m. when a white van exploded along the concrete blast wall protecting the compound, blowing a hole in the barrier. Less than a minute later, a water tanker packed with explosives plowed through the breach in an apparent bid to reach the hotel buildings.

But the driver—apparently blocked by smoke and debris—detonated his vehicle just inside the barrier, destroying several nearby homes and blowing out windows in the hotel. Eight Iraqis were killed and at least 43 people were injured, officials said.

"What we have here appears to be two suicide car bombs (that) attempted to breach the security wall in the vicinity of the hotel complex, and I think the target was the Hamra Hotel," US Brig. Gen. Karl Horst told reporters at the scene.

News organizations housed at the Hamra include NBC News and The Boston Globe.

The tactics in the Hamra attack were similar to those employed in the Oct. 24 triple vehicle assault on the Palestine Hotel, where The Associated Press, Fox News and other organizations live and work. In that attack, which killed 17 Iraqis, one of vehicles blew a hole in a concrete blast wall, opening the way for a cement truck packed with explosives to penetrate the compound.

But the truck detonated only a few feet into the compound after US troops raked the vehicle with automatic fire and the driver got stuck in debris. A third vehicle went off a short distance away, perhaps as a diversion.

The latest attacks in Khanaqin and Baghdad have brought to at least 1,617 the number of Iraqis killed since the Shiite-led government took power April 28, according to an Associated Press count. At least 3,429 have been injured.

The attacks against the Shiite worshippers occurred amid rising tensions between Iraq's majority Shiite and minority Sunni communities, which escalated after last weekend's discovery of 173 malnourished detainees—some bearing signs of torture—in a Ministry of Interior building in Baghdad seized by American soldiers.

Most of the prisoners are believed to have been Sunni Arabs, and the discovery lent credence to allegations of abuse leveled by Sunni Arabs against troops controlled by the Shiite-led interior ministry. *AP*

A SHIITE Kurdish Iraqi woman weeps outside a hospital in the Kurdish city of Suleimaniya, in northern Iraq, where her son was undergoing a surgery, Nov. 18. Her son is one of several worshippers who were wounded in suicide attacks on two Shiite mosques in the town of Khanaqin. AFP

Bush rejects calls for Iraq withdrawal

OSAN AIR BASE, SOUTH KOREA—US President George W. Bush, political weakened amid sharp criticisms about Iraq, said Saturday there would be no US pullout until Iraqis "are strong enough to defend their freedom."

"We will never back down, and we will never give in, and we will never accept anything less than complete victory," he told an estimated 5,000 members of the US Armed Forces and military family members.

Bush's comments at this US Air Force Base came after the US House of Representatives held one of its most bitter debates on the war before overwhelmingly defeating a bill calling for an immediate withdrawal.

"In Washington there are some who say that the sacrifice is too great, and they urge us to set a date for withdrawal before we have completed our mission. Those who are in the fight know better," he said.

"We will fight the terrorists in Iraq, and we will stay in the fight until we have achieved the victory our brave troops have fought for," the president said in an airport hangar.

Bush's brief stop here came during a weeklong trip to Asia, bound for China and then Mongolia after stops in Japan and at an Asia-Pacific summit in Busan, South Korea.

The remarks came after US lawmakers voted 403-3 against an immediate withdrawal from Iraq under a resolution authored by Bush's Republicans in an apparent effort to embarrass the opposition Democrats.

His appearance had all the trappings of an election rally, with a military rock band playing tunes like the Monkees' "I'm a believer" and one of the soaring instrumental themes used during his 2004 campaign played to announce his arrival. *AFP*

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Europe in furor over CIA prisoner plane allegations

MADRID—REPORTS that US intelligence officials have been using European airports secretly to transfer suspected Islamic extremists around the globe have unleashed a storm across Europe.

The Socialist government of Spain, one of the countries whose airports were allegedly used for the transit of suspects, said Friday it was promising "maximum transparency" on the affair, having already twice asked the US government for clarification with its own domestic credibility at stake.

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has, since coming to power last year, positioned himself as a champion of international legality and was quick to pull Spanish troops out of Iraq sent in by his conservative predecessor, despite the move souring relations with Washington.

The Spanish leader will face questioning in parliament over the flights issue on Wednesday.

Spanish judicial authorities are investigating reports that up to 10 flights operated by the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) landed in the Balearic Islands between January 2004 and 2005 while media reports say a similar number landed between January and October of this year in the Canary Islands.

Amnesty International said Friday that "we are obviously going to be very interested in the outcome of the official investigations underway in Spain."

Other countries are also raising the pressure on Washington.

On Thursday, Icelland's Foreign Minister Geir Haarde said the US response to the allegations was "unsatisfactory."

"In my judgement, the responses we've received from US authorities regarding whether or not prisoners have been on board these planes have been unsatisfactory and have left many questions unanswered," Haarde said in an address to parliament.

Some governments have denied involvement in the whole affair.

Irish Foreign Minister Dermot Ahern responded to allegations of CIA flights touching down on its territory by saying Friday that "at this moment in time there is no evidence of that."

He added: "We have been given absolute guarantees that they are not using Shannon (airport) in this respect ... we are getting absolute categoric assurances from the US government, a friendly government."

Greece also insisted Friday it was not involved.

A number of other countries have nevertheless opened inquiries into whether the planes have been used for the transit, or rendition, of terror suspects allegedly subjected to extrajudicial detention and torture. *AFP*

New Sri Lanka president sworn in, faces daunting task

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA—MAHINDA Rajapakse, who was sworn in Saturday as Sri Lanka's new president, faces the daunting task of forging a permanent peace with the Tamil Tiger rebels or risk a return to civil war on the tropical island.

Rajapakse, whose victory on Friday coincided with his 60th birthday, narrowly defeated challenger Ranil Wickremesinghe in a vote marred by a rebel boycott that prevented thousands of ethnic Tamils from casting ballots.

Chief Justice Sarath Silva administered the oath of office to Rajapakse at a ceremony Saturday that came as escalating violence threatened a fragile 2002 ceasefire.

"He is taking charge of the country at a time when it has been on decline with the regard to the ethnic conflict," political analyst Jehan Perera said.

Hours before the ceremony, the Norwegian government said it would continue to act as a peace broker if asked.

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"Norway remains willing to facilitate the peace process in Sri Lanka for as long as the two parties request such assistance, and for as long as it is possible for Norway to play a constructive role," Norwegian Minister of International Development Erik Solheim, who helped broker the truce, said in a statement issued by the Norwegian Embassy.

Unlike Wickremesinghe, Rajapakse took a hard line against the rebels in campaigning for the election, which was seen as a referendum on the peace process. He said he would never give in to demands by the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam for sweeping autonomy in their strongholds in the north and east.

"The position he had taken during the election campaign will make it difficult for him to reverse the decline" in relations between the government and the rebels, said Perera. "He needs to get the LTTE into a mutually acceptable framework. If he fails, there is risk of war returning."

Rajapakse received 4.88 million votes, or 50.29 percent of the total 9.7 million votes cast. Wickremesinghe received 4.70 million, or 48.38 percent. The remainder went to the other 11 candidates.

The Tigers haven't commented on Rajapakse's victory but they accuse Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese of discrimination and say ethnic Tamils can only prosper in a separate state. *AP*

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Bird flu spreads in Vietnam, China; Tamiflu declared safe

HANOI, VIETNAM—VIETNAM SAID ON Friday that bird flu had spread to three more provinces and China reported a fresh outbreak, while a US regulator said it had found no evidence that a drug seen as a potential human treatment caused the deaths of Japanese children.

The developments came as leaders of 21 Pacific Rim nations planned to discuss ways to contain the disease and prevent a feared human pandemic.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard told business leaders meeting alongside the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit in South Korea that he would announce "a very significant initiative" on bird flu on Saturday.

"Appropriate responses to the potential pandemic will be high on the agenda" at the Apec summit, Howard said.

It was important to put aside national pride, he said. "The last thing that any nation can afford to do, not only in its own interests but in the interests of the fellow members of the world community, is to hide or cover up in any way," he said.

Concerns about government openness follow a 2003 outbreak of SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, in which China was criticized for its lack of focus on a disease that spread across Asia and to North America, killing hundreds of people.

However, China gave front-page coverage on Thursday to its first human cases of the H5N1 bird flu virus, and the agriculture ministry said on Friday a new bird flu outbreak had been discovered in northern Shanxi province.

It gave no further details, but the World Health Organization hailed China this week as a model of openness.

In Vietnam, the agriculture ministry said bird flu outbreaks had hit Phu Tho, Thai Binh and Hoa Binh provinces, and added that the number of dead and slaughtered poultry in cities and infected areas since early October had reached nearly 900,000.

A lethal strain of the H5N1 virus has killed 67 of the 130 people it has infected in Asia since late 2003, but the real fear is that it will mutate and acquire the ability to pass from human to human, causing a global pandemic.

JORDANIAN born love birds on sale in Amman Nov. 18. Jordan Prime Minister Adnan Badran has affirmed that Jordan was free of bird flu. REUTERS

The British medical journal The Lancet urged governments to communicate openly with the public to forestall panic even before any pandemic.

"If governments are to avert widespread panic, they must admit to uncertainty, act transparently, issue guidance on disease protection and make sure information is disseminated to the public as quickly as possible," it said in an editorial.

A Vietnamese researcher said a human vaccine was ready for testing and, if tests on volunteers went well, mass production would begin in the second quarter of 2006. Bird flu has killed 42 people in Vietnam.

In Nairobi, a United Nations official said the world body would set up an early warning system to alert countries to the approach of migrating birds that might carry the flu virus, so they could take steps to prevent poultry being infected.

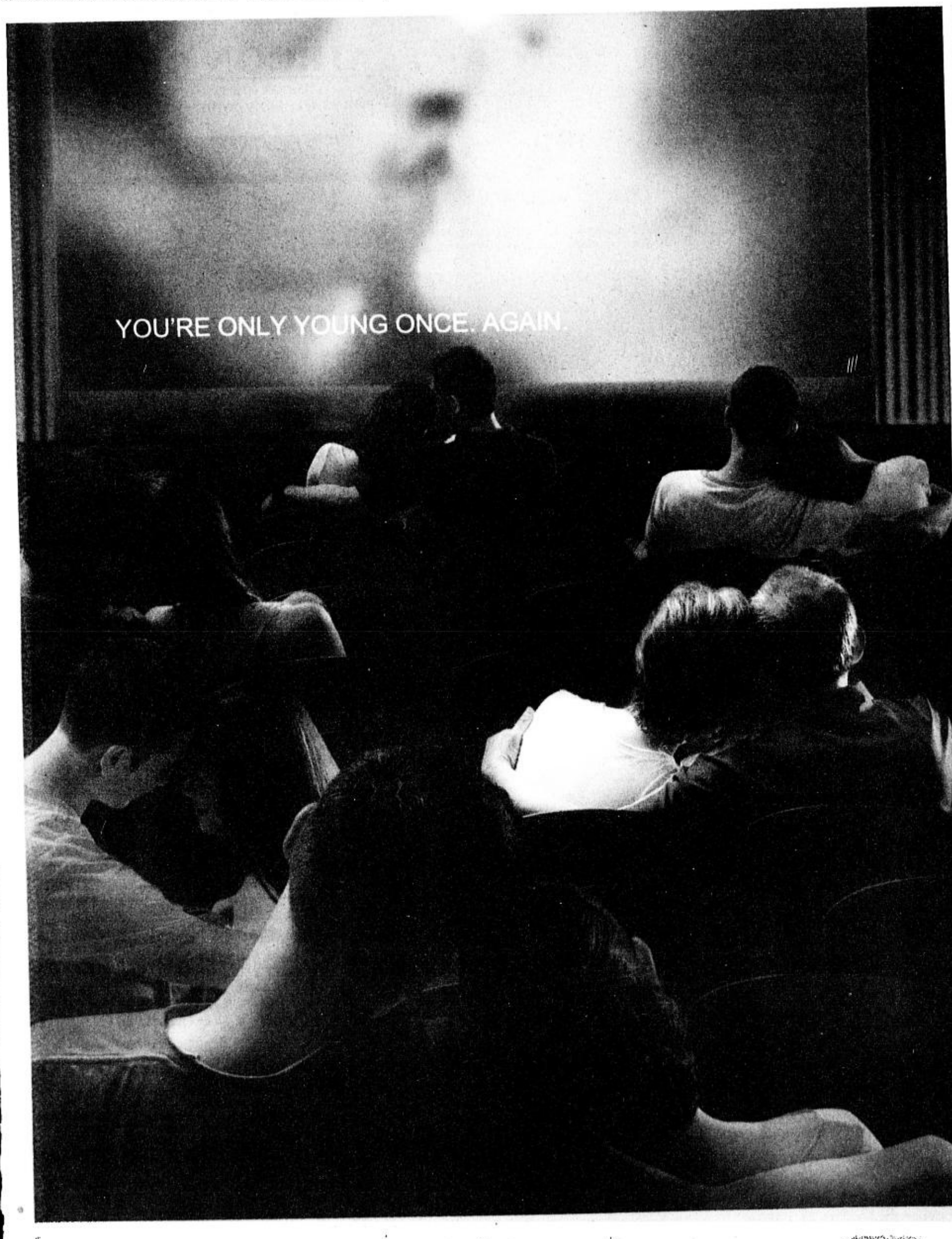
In Washington, officials of the US Food and Drug Administration said evidence so far does not show the antiflu treatment Tamiflu caused deaths or psychiatric problems in Japanese children.

The agency has been studying reports of 12 deaths and 32 cases of psychiatric problems, all but one of which was in Japan, among children who had taken Roche's drug, which is in high demand as a defense against a possible bird flu pandemic.

Linda Lewis, an FDA medical officer, said there was "insufficient evidence to establish that deaths and neuropsychiatric events represent a safety signal associated with Tamiflu."

The FDA has no plan to add warnings about the deaths or psychiatric problems to Tamiflu's label, Lewis said.

North Korea, which announced in July that it had stamped out an outbreak of bird flu after destroying 200,000 chickens, said it had developed regulations, emergency plans and a prevention strategy in case of a new outbreak. *Reuters*



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Oil prices plummet to new 5-month low

NEW YORK—WORLD OIL PRICES PLUMBED new five-month lows here Friday despite forecasts by the Opec cartel of a rise in energy demand this year, especially from rapidly growing China.

Investors were also monitoring US energy stocks and changing weather patterns across the northern hemisphere ahead of winter.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in December, dipped 20 cents to close at $56.14 a barrel, its worst finish since June 15. At one point, the contract was as low as $55.40.

But in London, the price of Brent North Sea crude for January delivery rebounded by three cents to $54.88 a barrel.

"I think that's just a little bit of end-of-week short-covering," Refco analyst Marshall Steeves said of the decline in New York.

"We're moving into the winter season so heating oil prices are bound to consolidate here. But we still have plenty of crude oil in storage so there's no fundamental reason for crude oil prices to move higher," he said.

Barclays Capital analyst Kevin Norrish disagreed about the market trend.

"The arrival of cooler weather in parts of Europe and the US, stronger US weekly oil data and a pickup in Chinese demand indications all suggest that the downtrend in crude oil prices may now be coming to an end," he said.

But Norrish added: "The market probably needs a burst of much colder weather to jolt it out of its current bearish mood."

New York crude futures have shed nearly 21 percent since striking an all-time high of $70.85 on Aug. 30, after Hurricane Katrina tore through US Gulf Coast energy facilities.

Recent mild weather in the northern hemisphere, which has since begun to turn colder, has granted refiners time to rebuild stocks.

However, demand for crucial heating fuel is forecast to soar when winter proper kicks in.

Opec had forecast on Wednesday that global demand would increase by 1.2 million barrels per day this year, downplaying the idea that recent prices had resulted in "demand destruction," whereby higher costs erode demand.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said in its November report: "Following six consecutive monthly downward revisions, world oil demand has shown signs of recovery in the last couple of months.

"Further undercutting the arguments for 'demand destruction,' these higher figures are supported by vigorous preliminary growth data from developing countries, a brighter outlook for the world economy ... and a rebound in Chinese apparent demand."

Alaron Trading analyst Phil Flynn noted: "This sign that OPEC is seeing better demand could be an ominous sign that the China oil consumption machine will once again catch oil market watchers off-guard." *AFP*

Men have Viagra, now 'love drug' for women just a sniff away

WASHINGTON—A NEW INHALER-DELIVERED love drug for women and men is threatening to do Viagra one better, putting anyone with dysfunction in the mood, US media reported Friday.

Sex experts say the drug, known as PT-141 and which is in final trials before US Food and Drug Administration review, will be the boon to women with desire woes that Viagra has been for millions of impotent men.

"The bottom line is that women have been really shortchanged," said Laura Berman, author of "The Passion Prescription: Ten Weeks to Your Best Sex—Ever!"

"Hopefully, this will be another option for women with physiologically based sexual dysfunction," Berman said. For now there is no pharmaceutical option for female dysfunction comparable to Viagra; women have largely been limited to seeking counseling or therapy."

New Jersey-based drugmaker Palatin Technologies expects it will take about three more years before the drug goes to market.

PT-141 is a copy of the hormone that stimulates the melanocyte-receptors in the brain that play a role in sexual arousal.

Unlike Viagra, which gets the blood flowing in men, it goes straight to work on the mind, in both sexes.

"It affects the central nervous system," said Berman. "It affects desire."

In lab trials, female rats exposed to PT-141 immediately began seeking out male rats for sex.

New York magazine reported that women who took part in trials within minutes felt a "tingling and a throbbing" along with "a strong desire to have sex."

Men told the magazine a snort made them feel "younger and more energetic" as well as eager for sex.

"You get this humming feeling," one man told the weekly. "You're ready to take your pants off and go."

Michael Perelman, co-director of the Human Sexuality Program at New York Presbyterian Hospital and a sexual-medicine adviser on the PT-141 trials, told the magazine: "It's not merely allowing a sexual response to take place more easily. It may be having an effect, literally, on how we think, and feel."

The author of the article, Julian Dibbell, stressed that though the company plans to market to those with dysfunction, "the potential market for PT-141, in short, is all of us. And the potential transformation of the modern American sex life is no less sweeping.

"Consider the precedent: Just more than four decades ago, it was another drugs arrival in the marketplace that triggered what would eventually be called the sexual revolution. Before the advent of the birth-control pill, sex and procreation had been eternally, inseparably linked. After it, the link was pretty much optional.

"Momentous things ensued: womens liberation, gay rights, the abortion controversy, all of them arguably the pill's indirect consequences, all of them reverberating to this day," Dibbell wrote. "And if all that can follow from a drug that simply made pregnancy less a matter of fate than of choice, what then to expect from a drug that does the same thing to passion itself?" *AFP*

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SINCE SEPTEMBER 11, much of the international community's attention has been consumed by the so-called war on terror. Even the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation network, which—as its name implies—is designed to foster closer economic relations among its 21 member-countries, has given security issues pride of place.

EDITORIAL

Four years ago, when the Apec leaders parleyed at the summit in Beijing, US President George W. Bush insisted on linking security issues to economic ones. Since then, discussions at the annual Apec summits have always included security issues.

This year is no different. The Apec leaders spent precious time working on anti-terror initiatives, and later issued a communiqué containing strong anti-terrorism language. "We condemned terrorist acts in the region that took thousands of lives and aimed to destabilize economic prosperity and security in the Asia-Pacific region," they said. Calling terrorism a "clear challenge, they pledged to "confront these ongoing threats ... [and] to review progress on our efforts to dismantle trans-boundary terrorist groups, eliminate the threat of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery."

So far, so usual. It is apparent that diplomatic niceties have prevented the leaders from calling Bush to account for using WMDs as a justification for the invasion of Iraq, or for turning that country into this decade's Afghanistan (that is, the most fertile breeding ground for Islamic jihadists).

This year, however, the host of the rotating summit decided to put the spotlight on another kind of war. South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun all but called for a renewed offensive in the worldwide war on poverty.

Of the one billion people economists classify as abjectly poor—that is, people who live on less than one US dollar or P55 per day—some 700 million live in Asia. Altogether, about 1.9 billion Asians live on $2 or less per day.

The news, of course, is full of words and images of rising skyscrapers in Shanghai, or sprawling high-tech campuses in Bangalore, or crowded upscale malls in Kuala Lumpur. But as a recent Newsweek special report reminds us, the reality is there are more poor people in Asia than in any other continent.

Thus, an ambitious Roh could tell journalists before the Apec meetings got underway: "I wish to draw attention to the gravity of the social disparities permeating both within as well as between nations."

We have no reason to doubt that Roh used the resources of the world's most wired nation (and the privileges of summit host) to indeed draw his fellow leaders' attention to the growing gap between the rich and poor in Asia. But the official statements out of Busan do not—and cannot—tell us whether the leaders' attention span is long enough to actually matter. Or whether long-term benefits will issue from the summit.

This is a pity, because poverty itself helps make terrorism possible.

We remember an exchange between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Bush during her state visit to the United States, when Ms Arroyo pointed out the obvious during their post-White House meeting news conference: Our experience of terrorism tells us that it is deeply, inextricably linked with poverty, she had said.

In an act of spontaneous policymaking not usually associated with him, Bush replied passionately and lengthily to Ms Arroyo: It is also true, he said, that terrorism can happen despite the absence of poverty. Terrorism is an ideological act, not an economic fact.

He is, of course, right. Osama bin Laden, the leader of the al-Qaida, is himself a scion of the Saudi Arabian elite; he did not decide to wage war on the United States because he had been bred in dehumanized conditions.

But President Arroyo was also right; the lure of ideology, especially of an extreme fundamentalist nature, becomes even more potent to a hungry, desperate man, when the hunger and the desperation can be blamed on the unalterably other: the Great Satan, or imperial Christian Manila.

Thus, the living conditions in which almost two billion Asians find themselves today are fallow ground too. There, a terrorist-friendly ideology can insinuate itself, and take root.

Manipulating the media

SEPARATE OPINION

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THE MEDIA EXPLODED LAST WEEK WHEN President Macapagal-Arroyo told them what to do and what not to do as members of the Fourth Estate. She said they should be more circumspect and less fault-finding. They should not report negatively on her administration but favorably instead on her accomplishments. She spoke derisively of "kangaroo courts," meaning the People's Court examining her alleged offenses. She even told them whom to interview and whom to disregard in their search for the facts. In short, she gave them an angry lecture on what she called balanced journalism.

The nerve of her! The presumptuousness of this President of the Philippines who has never sat at a city desk talking like a grizzled editor instructing his cub reporters. Who is she telling the media as responsible purveyors of news to talk only about the "winners" like her (sez she) and not the "losers" who outnumber her kind by the millions?

But why, she might ask, should the media complain when they themselves have been committing the same intrusiveness against her? Since assuming office in 2001, she has been the unwilling recipient of orders from the media on her conduct as an accidental and now pretended tenant of Malacañang. So they command: Appoint him. Dismiss her. Produce Garcillano. Revoke EO 464. Account for your election expenses. Identify the donors in the Venable contract. Abolish the useless Abueva Commission. And the valid and insistent mantra resounds: Resign, resign, and resign!

The difference is this, as if she didn't know. President Arroyo is the servant of the people, and the media are among the masters she is supposed to serve. The servant cannot instruct the master, but the master can instruct the servant. That is the rule in a democracy unless La Gloria now believes we now live in a dictatorship where she can order the people what to do as Marcos did to his everlasting damnation.

Moreover, GMA has her own horn-tooters to counter the "lies" the rest of the media are charging against her. Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye is doing a good job of announcing and then recanting his inconsistent chief's many prevarications. He has his own corps of paid opinion writers from various periodicals to sing the praises of the President as a blameless and misunderstood leader of her delirious followers. They even used to compare her to Margaret Thatcher although, embarrassingly, not any more.

Apart from all these considerations, President Arroyo rejects the all-important role of freedom of expression as the bedrock of our Republic. Milton described it as "the liberty to know and to argue freely, according to conscience, above all liberties." Wendell Philips spoke of it as "at once the instrument and the guaranty and the bright consummate flower of all liberty." This is this precious birthright La Gloria would manipulate and control like the Big Sister she has become.

The Watergate scandal would have been quietly concealed were it not for two reporters from the Washington Post who boldly exposed it and caused the unprecedented resignation of a President of the United States in 1972. Nixon had sought to suppress the Republican gaffe but was foiled by the vigilant media.

In Grosjean vs. American Press Co., 297 US 233, where a "tax on knowledge" was imposed to limit the circulation of newspapers, Justice Sutherland declared in annulling the law: "A free press stands as one of the great interpreters between the government and the people. To allow it to be fettered is to fetter ourselves."

Justice Douglas observed in Terminiello vs. City of Chicago, 337 US 1, that "a function of free speech under our system of government is to invite dispute. It may indeed best serve its high purpose when it induces a condition of unrest, creates a dissatisfaction of conditions as they are, or even stirs people to anger."

When in New York Times vs. United States, 403 US 713, the government tried to prevent the publication of the Pentagon Papers which contained classified information regarding the Vietnam War, the US Supreme Court held that any attempt at censorship has the heavy burden of proving its necessity. Concurring in the *en banc* resolution upholding the petitioner, Justice Black declared:

"... far from deserving condemnation for their courageous reporting, The New York Times, the Washington Post and other newspapers should be commended for serving the purpose that the Founding Fathers saw so clearly. In revealing the working of government that led to the Viet Nam War, the newspapers nobly did precisely that which the Founders hoped and trusted they would do."

In discouraging access to the "working of government" to insulate her from legitimate criticism, President Arroyo has done another disservice to the Republic. As one dissenter said in that now discredited case sustaining the ban against commercials for election candidates, "It is best to remember in this regard that freedom of expression exists not only for the thought that agrees with us," to paraphrase Justice Holmes, "but also for the thought that we abhor."

Before our King

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETween a good lawyer and a great lawyer?

Answer: A good lawyer knows the laws of the land, while a great lawyer knows the judge.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 25, 31-46), we are told that Christ the King, who knows everything about everyone, will judge each one according to his/her deeds. He will reward those who do good and will punish those who do evil. There are a lot of injustices in this world now, but in the last judgment, good people will be rewarded, and evil people will be punished. The decision then will be really final and executory.

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Moneyed peopled go through life with ease, comfort and speed. But where to? But what for? It will be good to remind them once again to use their money for their salvation and not for their condemnation. If the money you have in your possession is dirty money, it will be used to condemn you. If the money you have in your possession is not shared to help others, it will also be used to condemn you.

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From time to time, we hear of some people getting arrested at the airport while trying to bring out huge amounts of money. We often think of them as stupid because they know the law and still think they can get away with it. Also in life, for that matter, whoever thinks he/she can get by and get away with money is stupid. Anyone who relies on and makes a god out of money as if it were all-powerful is making a stupid mistake.

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With or without money, we all can love. Love, not money, is the bottom line. Love can see us through in this world and even into eternity. Love is the great equalizer. Rich or poor, as long as we love, we will have our reward. The song says: "What matters most is that we loved at all." Instead of constantly being preoccupied with money, we all must be busy asking ourselves: "Is there enough love in my life?"

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A classmate of mine is dying. Fr. Charlie Cruz, SVD just had his silver anniversary celebration in his hometown Orani, Bataan, and now he is in our retirement house because his doctors cannot do anything for him anymore. He spent 19 of his 60 years in this life in Togo, Africa as a missionary. Only God knows what sacrifices and hardships he went through in the service of his King, Christ the King. Also, only God knows the love he shared silently with so many people as a public school teacher before he entered the seminary, and as a formator and a confessor even while he was going through dialysis these past six years. As I watch him slipping into eternity, I can only be grateful to God for the simple but beautiful life he lived. As I look at his bare room, he leaves not much to this world, except a few clothes, some photo albums and some memorabilia here and there. Not much really, but he brings with him a bag full of love, lots of simple, pure, concrete love, to lay before the feet of Christ, the King.

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I hope that those people whose names are always on the front page of our newspapers realize that they will find their names on the obituary page someday. I hope that they realize that power is not forever, and that money is not all that matters. I hope, too, that they realize that all lying, cheating and manipulations will be uncovered. I wish they realize the privilege they have now in being in a position to help so many people. I wish they use the money and power in their hands to help the poorest of the poor. Finally, I wish they really listen to God, have a change of heart, and make a difference in this life. And I wish that this happens now, or soon, for many are suffering, needing their concrete love and actions, now.

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There are people whose names never appear on the front page or on the obituary page (for lack of money), but their names are written in heaven. Our greatest consolation is that we have a just King who knows everything, who sees and takes note of everything. The presence of this all-knowing God is something we have to remind our people again in a country and culture where lying, cheating and stealing are becoming a way of life, from top to bottom. The message of Christ the King is clear: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me; what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." In short, the Lord sternly warns us today: "You who are greedy, stop hurting the needy!"

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When finally we come before our King, in a place where money and earthly power will not matter, may we carry in our hands lots of love. May we have no regrets that we loved too little too late and that we missed our mission on this earthly pilgrimage. And finally when the King will separate the goat from the sheep, may we find ourselves among the sheep to whom He will say "Come you who are blessed!"

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, my King, help me to live a life full of love and meaning. Amen.

Character or destiny?

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

US SEN. JOHN S. MCCAIN SAYS HE DOESN'T believe in destiny. We are not born to become leaders or followers, left with lives to be guided by some unknown hand that bestows comfort and glory on some, and depression and despair on others. McCain believes that it is our character that will ascertain how well or how poorly things turn out for us.

Webster's Dictionary defines character as that "complex of mental and ethical traits that mark and often individualize a person, a group or a nation."

In his latest book, "Character is Destiny," written in collaboration with his long-time administrative assistant, Mark Salter, the senior senator from Arizona who has been touted as "one of the most inspiring public figures of his generation," has compiled the stories of 34 outstanding historical figures, as well as lesser-known personalities, whose values exemplify the best of the human spirit.

John Sidney McCain III graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1958, finishing fifth from the bottom of his class which had 899 members from an original figure of more than twelve hundred. His class standing failed to reflect the fact that he was the scion of one of the most illustrious families in the annals of the US Navy. His father, Adm. John McCain Jr., was commander of US forces in the Pacific (PACOM) during the Vietnam War. It was in this conflict that McCain faced the most difficult test in his life. As a naval aviator, he was shot down over Hanoi in 1967 and was captured by the North Vietnamese. When his captors realized that he was the son of the US commander in the Pacific, they offered to release him ahead of other POWs. But his sense of honor led him to refuse the offer, leading to torture, solitary confinement and imprisonment for five and a half years.

McCain's grandfather was also a four-star admiral in the US Navy.

Today, after serving close to 20 years in the US Senate, McCain is regarded as the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008. Incidentally, in spite of his poor finish at the Naval Academy, he became its commencement speaker at the 1993 graduation ceremony.

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Of the 34 stories in the book illustrating various character traits, I have chosen the virtue of humility as exemplified by the life of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. For one thing, it is a trait not often identified with military figures and shows how an obscure army officer from a rural background became the commander of one of the greatest invasion forces in world history.

Before he became a four-star general, Eisenhower had never commanded so much as a platoon in battle. His appointment as Supreme Commander was a complete surprise. The man who was expected to lead the allied forces was Gen. George C. Marshall. But President Franklin D. Roosevelt felt he could not spare him, and so the decision was made to give the job to Eisenhower who had impressed his bosses with his hard work and strategic vision.

Eisenhower was, in many respects, more like his soldiers than his fellow officers. He came from the same background, was raised with the same values and saw the war not as an opportunity for glory but as a cause to save freedom from authoritarian forces. He was as simple and as good as the soldiers who loved him. That was the character which made him a great commander.

In a message for the troops prior to the invasion of Europe, he declared: "Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces—you are about to embark upon the great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving peoples everywhere march with you. . . I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

Not many people are aware that on the same day, in his shirt pocket, he carried another statement which was to be issued in the event that the landings at Normandy failed. There would be no blame-shifting. There would be no complaints about the weather, incompetent subordinates, or mistakes in combat. It was a direct and plain message. It read: "Our landings have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold and I have withdrawn the troops. My decision to attack at this time and place was based upon the best information available. The troops, the air and the navy did all that bravery and devotion to duty could do. If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt, it is mine alone."

Several years later, General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower was elected President of the United States. Many Americans thought him to be poorly qualified for the job, and not too bright. He was not an inspiring speaker and he often got his syntax wrong. "They think I'm stupid, but honest," he remarked. He wasn't stupid; he knew what he was doing; and his term as president is considered as one of the most peaceful eras in modern history.

We keep looking for the knight in shining armor who will rescue us from self-inflicted difficulties when what we need is someone who can harness our collective strengths and inspire us to work for the common good rather than for the selfish interests of a few.

Yes, my Lord

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

IT IS SAID THAT THE BRITISH ARE THE MASTERS OF manner and etiquette. As I'm the girl who bleated "What?" at the Duke of Edinburgh instead of a graceful "Pardon?" it's safe to say that the masters have much to teach this young Padouan.

Last Friday, I was invited to give a repeat of the speech I delivered at the International Public Speaking Competition, along with Kevin Punsalan, this year's representative. A symposium was held in Ateneo de Manila University, with Lord Watson of Richmond delivering the keynote address. A contingent of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) and the Overseas Women's Club (OWC) are now in Manila for the launch of the long-awaited Philippine Chapter of the ESU to be held on Monday.

Award-winning writer and columnist Krip Yuson hosted the symposium. The *barong tagalog* and slicked back ponytail were a concession to the significance of the occasion—especially from a man whose wardrobe seems to be composed of jeans, shorts and unbuttoned Hawaiian shirts.

After he called me to the podium, the left side of his mustache twitched as he muttered "Don't trip." I rolled my eyes, dragged out the mike, gave my speech, bowed and promptly tripped.

Ms Valerie Mitchell spoke about her joy in the Philippines' acceptance into the English Speaking Union. Later, she said she was pleased with young people such as Kevin and myself. We had indeed proved that we were "civilized human beings." I thought I was, but I was quite glad for the affirmation.

We were invited for the evening to attend a cocktail reception graciously hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Peter Beckingham for both the ESU and OWC. Naturally, we were thrilled to be invited, and almost went into cardiac arrest when we signed into the guest book (studded with Ayalas and the like).

According to Michael J. Meese's "Understanding British Etiquette," there are general tips to follow as regards to British punctuality: "If you are invited to dinner at someone's home at 6:30 p.m., they will not expect you to be there on the dot. It is considered good manners to arrive 10 to 15 minutes late. An invitation might state 6:30 for 7, in which case you should arrive no later than 6:50. However, if an invitation says 'sharp,' you must arrive in plenty of time."

The invitation read 7 p.m. for the night's reception at the British Embassy. Kevin and I landed at the front door 6:30 p.m. The ambassador and his wife went down the stairs and entertained the hapless Kevin while I slapped makeup on myself in the powder room (powder room, take note).

According to "Polite Social Behavior in the UK," the recommended topics for conversation include hobbies, "What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?" (If you think the person has some spare time), business, "How's your business going?" (But only ask if you know the person has a business), work, "What sort of work do you do?" (But only ask if you know the person has a job).

I'm assuming that the "Do Not" list includes asking an elderly Scottish gentleman whether Scots really don't wear underwear under their kilts.

The gentleman in question, however, was kind enough to explain. According to him, the Scots have been wearing underpants ever since they were invented, although it's true that the men used to run around the moors wrapped only in their skirts. It is only the Scottish troops in the army that are forbidden to wear underpants today. The commander walks by the line of soldiers, wearing boots with metallic toes. He places his foot directly between a soldier's feet, inspects the reflection, and says "Off with your underwear!" at the sight of the reprehensible underpants.

To all this, I nodded wide-eyed, seeing before me long rows of kilted soldiers freezing in the cold wind, declaring that sir, yes, sir, underwear is back home with Mum, sir, yes sir! It was only when an old friend whispered that "he's pulling your leg" that I closed my open mouth.

Mr. Meese elaborated further: "Since the British respect each other's privacy, they expect the same from their foreign visitors; hence, it is important to try and steer away from personal or intimate questions in the beginning of a relationship."

In the same way, it may have been impolite to ask another dashing old gentleman why he wore a gold hoop in his right ear. "Well, quite an interesting story. I went to this fine arts class, and all the young people were quite stylish. I decided I had to do something to blend in—so I got an earring."

I've been trying to find some sort of rule on how long small talk is supposed to last. Do I chatter on in the hope that someone will chatter along? Do I keep the conversation going on indefinitely, or do I suddenly say excuse me, gotta go? Do I hope for an awkward silence and for people to just suddenly turn around and switch conversation partners? While I wracked my aching mind for brilliant comments, lord and lady alike managed to compliment me and my country and send me on my way in one sentence so smoothly I never knew how it happened.

When they commented on my American accent, I said it was a result of several decades of American colonization. The gentleman speaking raised an eyebrow and said that the tour guide in their bus spoke with a British accent. Unfortunately, a British accent didn't give him insight into the British sense of humor.

"Some of the jokes were quite funny," said a lady listening in.

"I know, but he told each joke two or three times just to make sure we got it. I didn't know how to tell him we understood the joke the first time."

"Maybe he was waiting for you to laugh," I said.

"We British don't laugh over jokes," he said. "We smile."

It's one thing to salivate over the tall, blue-eyed Prince William from the covers of teen magazines, it's another thing to be towered over by living, breathing specimens of his sort. Either because of politeness (talking down to people may not be considered good etiquette) or simply because they couldn't hear me, the six-foot-tall gentlemen devised different ways of exchanging small talk.

The first gentleman bent at the waist, the second bent his knees while a third bent his knees and leaned backward. I felt guilty for making no effort whatsoever, and was seriously considering politely asking for a stool to stand on.

To all whom I have offended, may have offended and will probably offend the next time I meet them, may I say, for the record, a very humble "Pardon me." Civilization still has a long way to go.

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Freedom

AT LARGE

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WEEKENDS BECAME AN AREA OF CONTENTION soon after our marriage. My husband had taken up fishing as a hobby and had found an enthusiastic fishing buddy in an older Chinese businessman. Almost every weekend, on our first summer as a married couple, the hubby would shake me awake early on a Saturday morning and we would make our way to Pasay, where his fishing buddy lived—from there, hitching a ride in his van to wherever the two men had chosen as their fishing spot.

The fishing buddy's wife was an enthusiast and wielded a fishing rod with proficiency. I would dangle the rod handed to me over the boat but would soon get bored and nauseous. In self-defense, I began to bring a book with me to read in the banca, until my husband caught me red-handed and frowned, chiding me that I was taking the thrill out of the experience.

I was miserable. I longed to be lolling on my bed at home, reading, doing crossword puzzles, watching TV and pigging out on junk food. Instead, I was seated, cramped and restless, in a boat in the middle of a pond or out at sea, staring at the water, and not even allowed to read!

It was only a matter of time before I rebelled, refusing to get up one Saturday and telling the hubby to go fishing all by himself. He went home sunburnt and jovial. I was well-rested and languorous and our reunion went well.

If I was wiser, I would have rested on my laurels. But I was a greedy newlywed and still taken up in the myth of couple togetherness. I resented that we spent most of our weekends apart. When he left for his fishing trips, I would put on such a long face that he would frown and ask: "Why do you have to be like this?" And I would retort: "It's enough that I'm letting you go, so don't ask me to be happy about it!"

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IN THE YEARS since, while I don't exactly leap about dancing with glee each time he leaves on a fishing trip, I have learned to live with our recreational divergence. His hobbies no longer loom as threats to our mutual happiness, and while he still refuses to tag along on most of the meetings, parties, plays, exhibits, movie previews and other affairs I get invited to, it's enough that I enjoy the freedom to choose to go or not to go, regardless of his opinions.

This is one of the hardest lessons to learn in the course of a marriage. You start out with the notion that marriage binds you in a harness much like the prosthetics used when actors portray Siamese twins. You believe love and your marital vows will keep you in step forever, synchronized in your moves, graceful and mobile. Until you realize that you are still two separate individuals, with unique interests and conflicting schedules, and maybe even divergent desires. After years of conflict, bad feelings and unspoken resentment, you wake up to the fact that marriage doesn't demand constant togetherness. That it's all right to tread separate paths as long as you're journeying toward the same goal, and that at many points along the way, your paths intersect.

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THIS is what Gilda Cordero Fernando, in her collection of memoirs, "The Last Full Moon: Lessons on My Life," says of how she and her husband of 50-plus years arrived at their own marital détente:

"During a women's meeting recently, two of my freshly widowed friends talked about how, coming home from a concert and a long dinner afterwards, they had felt so liberated! They had been very devoted wives and loved their husbands extremely, they certainly deserved their freedom to gallivant. I couldn't help thinking how lucky I was that my husband was still beside me, breathing and red-blooded still, and I could roam about as freely as I desired. It took an eternity's wait to achieve (the universe's sense of time is a trifle skewed), but here it was at last, a little bit past our prime, to be sure, almost academic where some temptations were concerned, but a munificence nevertheless.

"The bitter and tension-filled I-let-him-do-what-he-wants, I'll-do-what-I-want of the middle years has evolved into a deep caring for what will make the other happy, whether it includes oneself or not, the fruit of having paid marriage its dues. It's finally time for oneself, to make up for things we've missed out on, to heal frustrations, to adventure a little, to grow as much as we can grow still."

And in another essay, Gilda reflects: "Maybe one of the purposes of marriage is not to make you lesser than you are but to make you realize you can be more than you are. Unconditional giving, of course, can only be initiated by the more enlightened partner and this is usually the woman...

"A thoughtful act may not be returned immediately but it is noted, and will be reciprocated with your next giving, or the next next. From experience we know that one kindness fetches a hundredfold.

"True freedom is earned by letting go—of control of your partner, of expectations, of anger and bad memories and grudges. Letting go is freeing your partner of your baggage and in so doing finding your wings."

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A LAST *kuwento* and *sumbong*. Even as I was writing this, the hubby came home beaming, bursting with an account of how he had surveyed for clarinets in different music stores and found that most of them cost upwards of P15,000. "But when I got to Raon (in Quiapo)," he said, "guess what? I found a clarinet that costs just under P4,000!"

I could see the clincher coming long before he fetched the clarinet case from the car. My impulse was to scold him for spending for a clarinet when we had yet to finish our house renovations. But I bit my tongue, remembering the handbags I had just splurged on and were still paying for. Let go and let be—and keep separate accounts. One happy marriage secret shared.

The origins of the crisis

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IF THE ONLY ISSUE THE "HELLO GARCI" TAPES raise is cheating in an election, what, indeed, is new? All Filipino politicians are known to cheat in one form or another. The whole organization of our elections encourages it. But access to cheating is fairly distributed, and so the candidate who emerges victorious is in all likelihood the real winner. And the candidate who cannot protect his votes deserves to lose.

This was basically the line taken by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo when she confessed to calling up an election official at the height of the canvassing of votes in the 2004 election. Ours is a "degenerated" system, she said in the face of the Garci tapes revelation, but "let him without sin cast the first stone." The important thing is that "I won fair and square."

This is exactly the point of view of those who refuse to be troubled by the massive manipulation of election results in Mindanao, as suggested in the Garci tapes. Here is a sophisticated variation of the argument.

Where cheating is done by everyone, it usually does not substantially affect the real outcome of elections. To know the "real" outcome, one only needs to look at the pre-election surveys and exit polls. When done professionally, these surveys and polls tell a truth that is often more reliable than the official results. Moreover, one may turn to what international observers and watchdog bodies like Namfrel are saying. If they say the elections have been generally fair and honest, they must be so.

This argument has an interesting subtext rarely acknowledged or articulated. It goes like this: The choices we make in this world are imperfect. We find ourselves choosing or sticking by a lesser evil in order to prevent a greater one from happening.

In her appearance the other day before the Citizens' Congress, former Arroyo Cabinet member Dinky Soliman spoke of her wish to break out of this moral dilemma. "I have come here today to account for my own actions because I think it's time to begin to own up to our part in this situation that we find ourselves in....I have come to realize that my actions, as a public servant (during) my time in the DSWD, (had) its good points. But during the campaign, in my fear that another actor would become president—Mr. Fernando Poe Jr.—I was party to actions that betrayed public trust as a public servant." She says she now recognizes this grievous error and asks for forgiveness.

In a culture that assigns a greater premium on personal loyalty and restraint than on moral correctness, Soliman may not gain much sympathy. The middle class, to which she belongs, would especially find her message disruptive. They would excuse GMA's moral lapses in the name of preventing a greater moral wrong. Yet this is the same middle class that raised questions of moral fitness to justify ousting Joseph Estrada from the presidency in 2001. Moral norms, as we may see, seldom account for political behavior. Rather, their activation in given situations must itself be explained in terms of changes in the general conditions of society.

My own hunch is that the whole liberal framework of constitutionalism and rule of law, that defines our form of government, is now ironically standing in the way of elite dominance, and that existing order is unable to perpetuate itself without resorting to blatant violations of its own institutional processes. The crisis of the Arroyo presidency is thus only an episode in the crisis that has beset the country since the declaration of martial law. Therefore, an enduring resolution to the crisis must go beyond the ouster of Ms Arroyo, and begin to address the ills of the system itself.

Changes in the composition and function of the Philippine ruling class in the last 35 years have imposed new and greater demands on the State. These demands have made the control of state power more crucial than ever to economic accumulation. At the same time, the rapid spread of the mass media even in the midst of poverty has created a politically active population that feels entitled to choose its own leaders. The entry of mass media celebrities into the political arena is only the most visible symptom of this change. It has given Philippine politics a dash of unpredictability.

Marcos changed the rules of the elite game in 1972 by establishing a dictatorship. Because of his regime's unbridled corruption, he failed and was eventually overthrown. Cory Aquino managed to re-establish liberal elite rule, but failed to respond to popular demands from below. Her candidate, Fidel Ramos, almost lost in the 1992 election. Ramos' personal choice in the 1998 election, Jose de Venecia, was trounced by the candidate of the poor, the actor Joseph Estrada. This outcome was unacceptable to the elite. Two years into his administration, Estrada was ousted by a people power uprising. The vice president, Ms Arroyo, was installed and legitimized as successor through a process that strained the parameters of constitutionalism.

In the 2004 election, Ms Arroyo had to face Estrada's best friend, the iconic movie hero Fernando Poe Jr. There was no way she could beat him except by literally buying support with public funds and by employing the master technician of electoral cheating, Virgilio Garcillano. From the railroading of Ms Arroyo's proclamation in 2004 to the railroading of her impeachment a year after, everything else thereafter, including the ongoing effort to re-invent elite rule via Charter change, has been a blatant attempt to save a dying system. This is the heart of the crisis.

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Learning as one nation

PHILIPPINE EDUCATION "FINDS ITSELF IN A DEEPENING RUT OF MEDIOCRITY," says the Philippine Human Development Report 2000. Nothing much has changed since then.

Problems like unqualified teachers, error-filled textbooks, lack of equipment, large classes, and rote memorization plague the education system. No wonder, the country is always near the bottom in standardized tests like the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study.

There is a way out of the morass. Maria Victoria Carpio-Bernido and husband Christopher of the Central Visayan Institute (CVI), a high school in Bohol, are sharing with INQUIRER readers the teaching methods they have developed to help improve basic education in the country.

They are proposing that the Dynamic Learning Process (DLP), which has raised academic performance at CVI and attracted the attention of educators and government officials, be adopted nationwide. DLP involves learning by doing and holding of simultaneous classes for the same subject for all year levels.

If DLP is adopted by the education department, students all over the country can listen to a lecture by a national expert teacher on TV via satellite. This approach can address the lack of qualified teachers because, in principle, only one expert teacher per subject is needed for the entire country.

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WE PREFER TO RELY ON HUMAN ingenuity and creativity to achieve our national goals through cohesive effort and economy of resources using 21st century technology, and modern and classical teaching strategies.

If we work as one nation, we can attain short and long term targets for our school children and for our country.

For example, we believe our country can forge ahead in international standardized tests such as the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), and have a more systematic preparation for better performance in prestigious competitions such as the International Mathematics Olympiad or the International Physics Olympiad.

We can develop a solid basic education system feeding collegiate and graduate levels at high levels of competence. In turn, this will help advance teaching and research in universities. We can graduate high quality manpower for the different professions. We can ensure that our entire education system will lead to improved living conditions in the country for all. Moreover, we can develop culture and intellectual taste. We can develop strength of character.

However, progress can only be achieved in stages. We focus on our immediate goal: at minimal cost and change in infrastructure, in the quickest time, to have the maximum number of students learning science and mathematics at the highest levels of mastery.

Dynamic learning

Our springboard for the different scenarios we envision for the country is the Central Visayan Institute Foundation's Dynamic Learning Process (DLP), which we designed and implemented in 2002.

This program has been a crucial factor in the revitalization of the CVIF high school to significantly higher levels of academic performance six years after being near-closure in 1999.

The program is differentiated and target-oriented for effective learning under multiple socioeconomic and cultural constraints. It synthesizes classical and modern theories for use in real classroom situations. It mixes features of traditional methods, individual instruction, distance education, and the Montessori philosophy, and revives classical approaches such as the no-homework policy.

It takes into account our own direct observations and recent results in cognitive theories and brain research. The essential components of the DLP are the parallel classes scheme (*See Fig. 1*), activity-based, multi-domain learning, in-school comprehensive student portfolios (instead of notebooks), comprehensive teacher's portfolios (instead of lesson plans), strategic study and rest periods, and integrated cultural and character formation. With these features, the program progressively addresses problems like lack of textbooks, equipment and qualified teachers and large classes.

Although implemented with the 2002 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC), the program is compatible with other curricula such as special science and math curricula of science high schools. Moreover, being based on studies of universal aspects of the teaching-learning process, the program has high potential for model expansion and should be workable within a wide spectrum of student abilities (slow to brilliant), teacher qualifications (novice to master levels), and resources (poor rural to affluent urban).

Parallel classes, biorhythm

The CVIF model has a parallel class schedule with all sections of all year levels having the same subject at the same time (*See Tables 1 and 2*). This takes advantage of the natural biological rhythm with the challenging subjects of science and math taken first thing in the morning when students are fresh for school work. This is in contrast to more common schedules with some science and math classes toward noon or in the afternoon. These are non-peak hours for learning when students may be hungry, tired, and generally restless, especially in a tropical country like the Philippines.

Furthermore, because we have the no-homework policy and parents are strongly urged to have their children sleeping by 8 p.m. or 9 p.m., students who are sleepy in the morning can be interviewed why they lack sleep.

Four days of the week—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—are for academic work, while Wednesday is for Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (Mapeh), and Citizenship Advancement Training (CAT). There are no classes on Wednesday afternoons except for CAT for seniors. Remedial work, faculty and club meetings, practices and rehearsals, are also done on Wednesdays, with 6 p.m. as the school curfew and cut-off time for extracurricular activities. Sundays are reserved for leisure, family time and religious obligations. (*Close adherence to this schedule has developed in students a strong sense of time management for their different activities. This is especially good for adolescents since psychologists identify this as the stage for forming both behavioral and intellectual habits.*)

The key question on a school schedule with parallel classes is how one teacher can handle more than one science class if these are conducted at the same time. This is where the expert teacher and facilitator setup comes in. *(See Fig. 2)*

This peculiar component of the CVIF Program was inspired by the *Aronson Jigsaw Strategy* in which students are grouped into so-called "home groups" and "expert groups." The model is called "Jigsaw" because each student's part, as it moves from the expert groups to its home group, is essential for the successful achievement of objectives. In the CVIF model, we inverted the entire procedure. Instead of students, the "expert teachers" and "facilitators" cooperate to achieve targets.

The "expert teacher," who is a regular classroom teacher responsible for a particular subject, prepares the learning activities, and grades activities and exams. During the subject period, he or she chooses the section where a lecture or discussion will be conducted.

In practice, with long periods during academic days, different sections may be visited while students are doing drills, projects, concept notes, or drawing. While the expert teacher is not with a class, a facilitator (who is also a licensed and expert teacher of a different subject) takes charge.

The facilitators do not discuss or interfere with the activities of the students. They merely make sure that the students are doing the activities for the day and classroom conditions are conducive to learning. The students are thus constrained to work independently while having the time and opportunity for deep thinking and intellectual exploration. By the time the expert teacher visits the class, the students already have particular questions in mind on problems they tried to solve earlier.

Table 1: CVIF academic day class program (For Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Time	Minutes	1st Year (4 sections)	2nd Year (3 sections)	3rd Year (2 sections)	4th Year (2 sections)
7:30-7:40 a.m.	10	Morning prayers and flag ceremony			
7:40-9:10	90	Science	Science	Science	Science
9:10-9:30	20	RECESS			
9:30-10:45	75	Math	Math	Math	Math
10:45-12:00	75	Makabayan (Aral.Pan/EP*)	Makabayan (Aral.Pan/EP*)	Makabayan (Aral.Pan/EP*)	Makabayan (Aral.Pan/EP*)
12:00-1:30 p.m.	90	LUNCHBREAK			
1:30-2:45	75	English	English	English	English
2:45-3:45	60	Filipino	Filipino	Filipino	Filipino
3:45-4:45	60	Makabayan (TLE**)	Makabayan (TLE**)	Makabayan (TLE**)	Makabayan (TLE**)

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Table 2: CVIF Mapeh class program (For Wednesdays only)

Time	Minutes	1st Year (4 sections)	2nd Year (3 sections)	3rd Year (2 sections)	4th Year (2 sections)
7:30-7:40 a.m.	10	Morning prayers and flag ceremony			
7:40-9:40	120	Makabayan (Mapeh)	Makabayan (Mapeh)	Makabayan (Mapeh)	Makabayan (Mapeh)
9:40-10:00	20	RECESS			
10:00-12:00	120	Makabayan (Mapeh)	Makabayan (Mapeh)	Makabayan (Mapeh)	Makabayan (Mapeh)
12:00-1:30 p.m.	90	LUNCHBREAK			
1:30-3:30	120				Makabayan (CAT/EP)

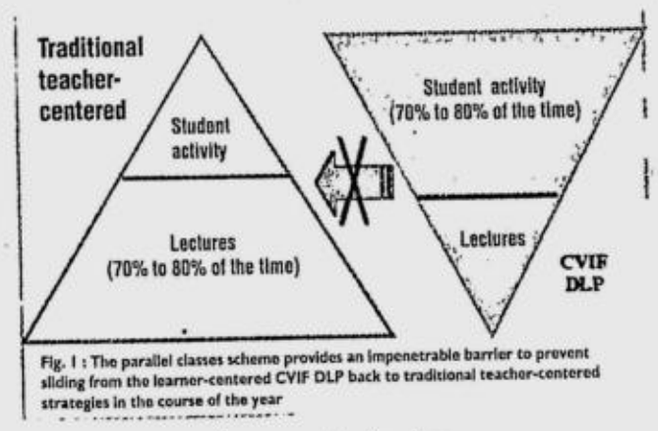

Fig. 1 : The parallel classes scheme provides an impenetrable barrier to prevent sliding from the learner-centered CVIF DLP back to traditional teacher-centered strategies in the course of the year

Flash of insight

The expert teacher simply reinforces correct understanding, points out common errors, or compares the merits of different solutions. The flash of insight or understanding is more often observed than in traditional situations where the teacher introduces the topic, lectures, and gives examples, before the students do exercises. In fact, with this setup, many students are able to solve physics and math problems even without prior explanation of the topic.

The schedule with simultaneous classes for all subjects forms the system's intrinsic inhibitor preventing the slide back to teacher-centered methods. This allows effective learning-by-doing with students having more time for absorption and progressive mastery of lessons. If teachers stay every day for whole periods with their classes, the tendency is to revert to traditional methods such as lectures, repeated explanations of the same topic, or group dynamics. There is also the tendency to move on to the next topic when pressured by fast learners. This is because quiet students are generally observed to acquiesce to the dominant mood set by high-profile students whether or not they have learned the subject matter well.

The simultaneous periods promote higher interaction between teachers and cross-fertilization of ideas. Poor performing teachers are pushed to better performance as they move from one class to another as facilitators and are exposed to activities given by good teachers. Teacher apprentices can train on the job while serving as assistant expert teachers. Facilitators also learn teaching strategies used in other subject areas.

Via satellite

Suppose schools all over the country have simultaneous science periods, 7:30 a.m. to 9:10 a.m., what we call "science time." This allows students all over the country to listen to a lecture by a national expert teacher on TV via satellite. (*For example, imagine having as Biology expert teacher the international awardee, Dr. Josette Biyo, for students all over the country.*) Twenty to 30-minute lectures for general science, biology, chemistry and physics can be aired on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, respectively. Questions may be asked of the national expert teacher through phone, text messages, or e-mail. During the periods when students are not listening to the lectures, they will have learning-by-doing activities such as problem-solving exercises, reports on learning stations, concept notes and research, to be filed in their comprehensive portfolio. The same procedure can be done during "math time," 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Unlike educational shows on Discovery Channel or the Knowledge Channel, the regularly scheduled lectures of the national experts, or team of experts, will follow the prescribed BEC and learning competencies for the entire school year. These will not be lectures for entertainment or supplementary learning. These will be rigorous "expanded classroom" lectures for students with well-defined learning targets. Success indicators will include the country's performance in international standardized tests as well as high science and math proficiency levels of incoming college freshmen. This means that national expert teachers will not be rated according to how good and how entertaining they are as lecturers, but according to how the students all over the country achieve their learning objectives and how well they do in aptitude exams, college entrance tests, and subsequent college work.

Key players

The "Learning as One Nation" scenario takes advantage of 21st century technology and the natural affinity of the youth for cable TV and the Internet. It can be realized with the cohesive, harmonious, and functional teamwork among different sectors of society in an effort to raise levels of competence of our young people.

1.) Department of Education (DepEd)-planning, organization, administration, mobilization of resources, overall coordination; 2.) Department of Science and Technology (Science Education Institute)—selection of national experts and think tank, documentation and research, archival; 3.) Department of Social Welfare and Development—support mechanism for students with special needs; 4.) Philanthropists—matériel and wherewithal.

5.) Media—programming and TV simulcast, archived on-demand webcast; 6.) National Science and Math experts—design and preparation of year-long activities, quarterly examinations, 30-minute lectures for simulcast, evaluation of feedback with the think tank; 7.) Think tank—strategy, tactics, continuing program evaluation and review.

8.) Centers for Educational Measurement—objective evaluation and assessment; 9.) School administrators—preparation of venue and audiovisual facilities, transmittal of feedback, questions and exemplars to DepEd, school discipline; 10.) Classroom teachers (assistant expert teachers and facilitators)—interaction with students, gathering and organizing of questions and feedback for transmittal to DepEd, checking of learning activities, quizzes and exams, computation of grades according to standard national criteria.

11.) Parents and guardians—moral support, health, nutrition and rest for children (sleep by 8 p.m. or 9 .p.m) for maximal science and math learning in the morning.

Cost estimates

Since we will be working within the existing DepEd and DOST infrastructure and organizational setup, the significant additional expenses will be the actual costs of yearly simulcast and the initial purchase of television sets for schools all over the country. The DOST and private networks may offer better estimates of the cost of televised lectures, videotaping and reproduction. (Lack of computers limits use of videostreaming technology.) For the cost of TV sets, we note the latest DepEd statistics (school year 2003-2004) of an enrollment of 5,025,956 in 4,830 public schools. For around 100 students per viewing cluster (1 TV), an estimate budget of P500 million may be needed. This amount (only about 7 percent of the annual net income of some large private corporations) is within feasibility margins. Additional sources may come from realignment of DepEd and DOST budget for training workshops (instructional materials, travel and accommodation costs for trainers and participants) since the science and math teachers will have on-the-job training throughout the school year in their own schools.

Furthermore, since most science and math professors write their own lecture notes, these can be reproduced for teachers and facilitators. Students in public schools and poor private schools will not need textbooks since they will copy the notes from the board. (To deter complaints against copying, we emphasize that masteral and doctoral students in physics normally copy the detailed lecture notes written on the board by first-rate university professors here and abroad.) Copying serves the dual role of visual-psychomotor coordination to enhance content learning and improvement of technical and functional language skills necessary for the 21st century.

Guiding principles

To ensure success, it is extremely important that all educators involved should be aware of fundamental principles.

1. Learning by doing. To learn science and math, students need to think with their own minds and work with their own hands.

2. Sound fundamentals. A strong structure needs a solid foundation. Virtuoso levels are reached only by being well-grounded in the fundamentals.

3. Mastery not vanity. A simple problem completely and clearly solved is of greater educational value than a complex problem sloppily analyzed with a forced final answer. (This is the philosophy of our CVIF Young Math Virtuoso Project started in 2003, which got support from the Fund for Assistance in Private Education in 2005.)

4. Adaptability. An educational program must be adaptable because no two learning situations are completely alike.

5. Honesty. Cheating is unscientific. Fraudulent data invalidate evaluation.

Prospects

Clearly, if we can make this scenario or its variations work, the country can circumvent the problem of lack of qualified science and math teachers. (*The problem is worsening. Over 3,000 teachers have migrated to the US and other countries since 1992.*) Indeed, in principle, only one expert teacher per subject is needed for the entire country.

Moreover, not only the students will learn. This is an occasion for apprenticeship for science and math teachers all over the country who will be the "assistant expert teachers." They shall be watching national experts actually teaching the subject for sustained periods within the constraints of the prescribed curriculum, and answering students' questions for the entire school year. (*Note that the large scale effect of short-term "out-of-context" teacher-training seminars and workshops has been questioned even in other countries. On the other hand, most university professors have no hands-on experience in the day-to-day run of lessons in basic education for an entire school year. This leads to recommendation of too many topics at inappropriately advanced levels. We have personally experienced the effects of such mismatch.*)

On the part of the national expert teachers, their high visibility will subject them to healthy critique of pedagogical methods, accuracy and clarity of presentation. With real and regular feedback from peers, elementary and high school teachers, and students, there could then be progressive improvement of strategies. We expect a yearly advance and development according to the doctrine of continuing improvement. In time, the improvement will be transmuted into higher levels of competence in collegiate and graduate levels.

Addressing criticisms

Problems and questions will be encountered in the beginning. Naturally, an unorthodox large scale program of action can elicit much criticism. We expect three major types of opposition: overtly vocal but harmless, covert but harmful, and actively hostile. Nevertheless, from personal experience, we affirm that the best antidote should still be positive results and the clear achievement of objectives. In the beginning we may have to work with a bootstrap strategy, focusing on high ideals while coping with gross realities, continually improving ourselves along the way. Some questions which may be anticipated, are the following:

1. : If expert teachers give short activities or activities, which are too difficult, students who either finish early or are unable to proceed become restless and noisy or will simply chat or sleep. Facilitators are helpless bystanders.

Solution: This problem is the easiest to solve. Professional teachers have a tremendous amount of possible activities for their students to be kept busy. They in fact already use these for homework, seatwork, board work, and projects. Most books have questions, exercises and suggested activities at the end of each unit. The only difference is that the students will do all the work in school during the period when the expert teacher is not conducting a lecture or discussion. Indeed, it is surprising to realize the amount of time even advanced students need to diligently complete such work with time to absorb and appreciate the significance of what they are doing. Moreover, extra time may be used for research, advanced work, or completion of unfinished activities.

Encoded in DNA

2. : As teachers, shouldn't we be with our students and teach?

Answer: As teachers, our primary duty is not to teach but to make sure our students learn. Since they learn by doing especially in math and science, it is imperative to give them time to do their work without interference on our part. This follows the "watering-of-plants principle"—we water, but it is the plant which grows according to the program encoded in its DNA. Too much watering kills a plant.

3. : Won't the students get so tired with all the writing, drawing and problem solving?

Answer: Learning is serious work. To develop stamina and achieve higher levels of performance, rigor and discipline are necessary. There are no shortcuts to excellence and ultimate perfection. This is well-known by athletes who train to be Olympians and artists who train to be virtuosi. This is also recognized by highly industrialized top-performing countries in the TIMSS.

In any case, we have personally observed that when objectives are clear to young people, even children, they are willing and able to dedicate themselves to their goals and submit to a program of disciplined training and focused self-development. This is why we emphasize the no-homework and protect-the-weekends policy. The students, just like professionals, go to school to "work" on their personal, intellectual and physical development. After dismissal, they relax and enjoy leisure and family bonding time for their strategic rest.

Of course, they always have the option to do advanced studies during their free time.

The other side of the coin is that there is intellectual joy in learning. During academic days most of our students are busy and quietly creative with their activities. It is not uncommon to see them completely absorbed in their work for the whole period lasting over 60 minutes. This debunks the myth of short attention span.

Fig. 2: For a school with more available teachers

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C. Luzon folk warned of lahar anew

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A MARINE GEOLOGIST has advised communities around Mt. Pinatubo "not to be complacent" in the next days, saying Typhoon "Pepeng" would cross the volcano and its strong rains could likely trigger big lahar flows in Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales.

"They can't be complacent. The incoming big one could go over Pinatubo by Sunday or Monday. There still are lots of materials there. People need to be alert," said Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo in a telephone interview on Friday night.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said the typhoon was moving west northwest at 13 kilometers per hour.

Rodolfo, who monitors yearly the lahar or sediments that Mt. Pinatubo belched out during its 1991 eruptions, said rivers draining from the volcano are still filled with lahar.

There are eight active lahar channels around the volcano, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

Phivolcs and the United States Geological Survey estimated the pyroclastic deposits to have reached up to 30 meters thick. These pyroclastic materials flow down 20 km on all sides of the volcano.

Since 1991, about 50 percent of the materials had been washed down by rains, Phivolcs said.

The last big lahar waves, as tall as 15 meters by the accounts of Aetas, came in July 2002 or months after the artificial breaching of the 3-km wide crater-lake in September 2001.

Rodolfo had several times warned residents not to entirely depend on government-built dikes for their safety against lahar flows. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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HAPPY FEET
A girl tries on adult-sized shoes at a sidewalk stall of used shoes and clothes on Diego Silang Street in Kabacan, North Cotabato. The used goods are being sold at price ranges of P20 to P500.

DOH starts anti-meningo drive in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY—THE DEPARTMENT OF Health has started a massive immunization campaign among children in this city, Benguet, Ifugao and Mt. Province to protect them from contracting the bacterial disease meningococcemia.

The campaign started on Oct. 26 and was aimed at targeting at least 40,000 children aged 2 to 8 in Baguio and in the three Cordillera provinces.

Health officials described children in this age group as "vulnerable" to the disease.

Meningococcemia, which is caused by the bacteria Neissera meningitidis, thrives in the upper respiratory system.

Its symptoms include high fever and skin rashes caused by blood clots. The disease can be fatal if the victim fails to immediately seek medical attention.

The DOH bought the vaccines earlier this year through the World Health Organization.

Delnoria Bugnosen, a nurse and health officer of the regional DOH, said the vaccine was delivered on Oct. 21 and this was distributed to local health units to start the immunization campaign.

Bugnosen said the DOH seeks to complete the immunization by December, when the cold season sets in.

"We want to build up the immunity level of our vulnerable group as soon as possible before the [temperature drops] in January to prevent the disease from appearing. We recorded several [meningococcemia] cases in the first week of January this year," Bugnosen said.

She said the vaccine is effective for three years and is given free in local health units. Private hospitals administer the vaccine for P1,500, she said.

Health workers from the Baguio Health Department also started going around private and public schools in the city to immunize children.

The DOH and WHO established a meningococcemia command center in Baguio early this year after the agencies noted several suspected and laboratory confirmed cases in the city and its nearby areas. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Family of slain Bayan Muna leader won't trust police

SORSOGON CITY—The family of slain Bayan Muna leader Ricardo "Ding" Uy refused police efforts to look into the killing of Uy, saying it was useless.

Engineer Rodolfo Uy, younger brother of the slain leader, said they don't believe that the police investigation would lead to identification of the gunman who killed his brother Friday.

His sister, Dr. Rosa Uy-Dealca, voiced the same opinion as she justified the family's refusal not to subject Uy's body to autopsy.

The Uy family said they already knew who was behind the assassination of Ding and police need not confirm it.

RICARDO Uy in one of his speeches to campaign for a stop to the killing of militants. This picture was taken two days before he himself was killed.
BOBBY LABALAN/PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

The younger Uy was enraged upon seeing policemen cordon off the scene of the crime yesterday as they tried to gather pieces of evidence.

Supt. Formoso Argarin, Sorsogon police chief, said they would continue with the investigation and would talk to the Uy family to cooperate with them.

Argarin said even if the Uys would not file a complaint, police will proceed with the investigation.

Party-list Rep. Teddy Casiño said the police should explore the lead that Uy was tagged as an emerging NPA leader in Sorsogon by the Army radio program "Ugnayan sa Kapayapaan" over dzMS.

Police should identify and question the "Pareng Melvin" and "Pareng Rey" of the program because the statements they made in the radio program indicated a plot to assassinate Uy.

"A crime was committed and it is our job to investigate whether or not there is a complaint from the victim or his family," said police chief Argarin.

He said police are still clueless on the slaying but assured the family that all efforts would be exerted by his office to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Uy's widow, Agnes, lamented reports in Legaspi City which said that the New People's Army was behind her husband's death.

Agnes said some of her relatives and friends informed her of the reports through text messages. The reports quoted military sources.

But Greg Banares, spokesperson of the National Democratic Front in Bicol, denied the report, saying Uy had no blood debt and had not committed any atrocity against the people.

Banares said Uy worked for the masses and blamed the government for his death.

Media here tried to get the side of the military but Lt. Col. Ernesto Pascual, commanding officer of the 2nd Infantry Battalion based at Barangay Anog, Juban, Sorsogon, was out when media men called on him.

Progressive organizations Bayan Muna, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, Karapatan, December 10 Committee and local media organizations in the province had issued statements condemning Uy's killing.

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines has expressed outrage over the killing of Uy, who was also a radio announcer in dzRS-AM.

"Whatever the motive of Uy's killing, we condemn it as a dastardly act against a citizen, a member of media and against press freedom," Jose Torres Jr., chair of NUJP's Commission for the Protection of Journalists, said in a statement.

Uy's death brought to seven the number of media men killed in the Philippines this year, according to NUJP.

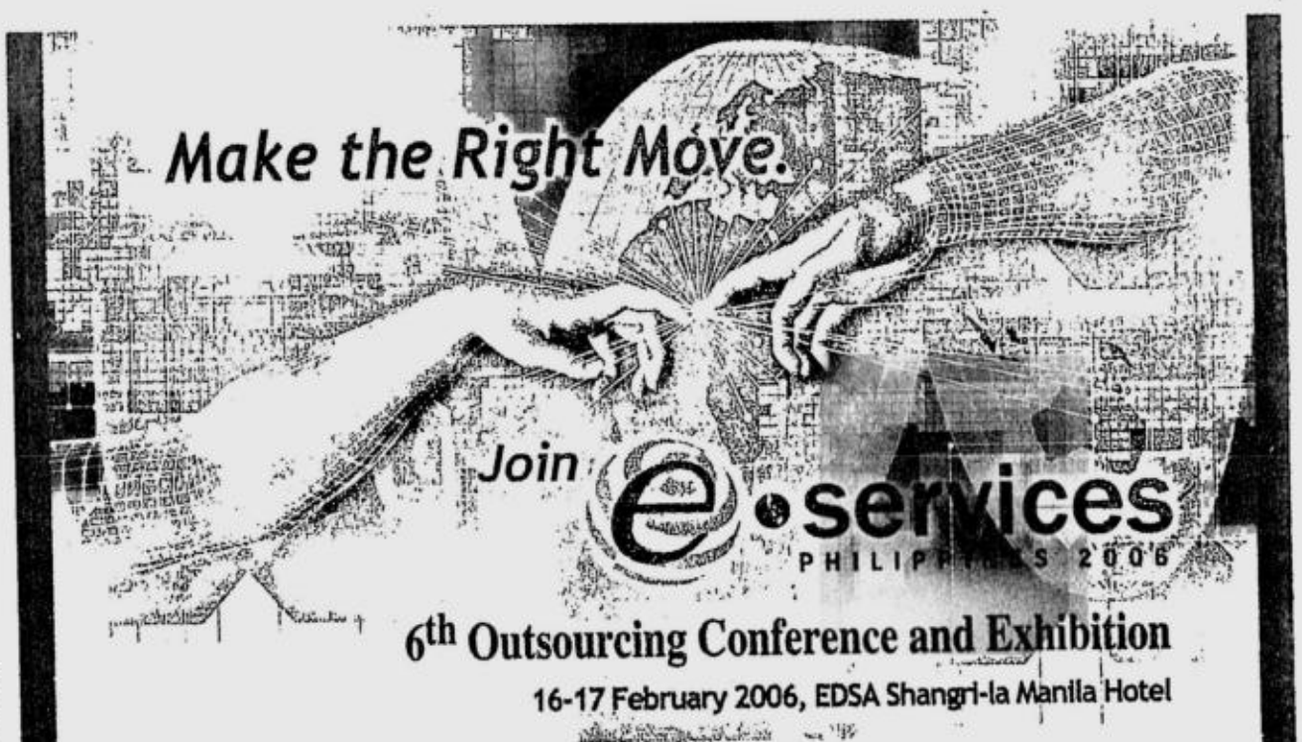
Initial reports received by NUJP said a lone gunman shot Uy outside his house in Sorsogon.

Police said a lone assailant shot Uy five times using a .45-cal. pistol around 11 a.m. Friday.

The assailant fled in a motorcycle.

Uy suffered gunshot wounds in the head, mouth and torso.

Reports said Uy was president of the Media Reporters Association of the province and was party-list Bayan Muna provincial coordinator for Sorsogon. *Bobby Q. Labalan with report from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



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RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM

1,998 NIA workers to lose jobs

NAGA CITY—THE NATIONAL Irrigation Administration will retrench at least 1,998 employees to abide by a rationalization program that seeks to reduce the government's workforce and create a leaner, more efficient one in its place.

The number of employees that would be laid off by NIA is about 34 percent of the agency's total work force.

Ed Yu, NIA spokesperson, said in Bicol alone, at least 126 employees are to lose their jobs.

Yu said that the retrenchment would cost the government some P1.4 billion in retirement incentives, of which P59.9 million would be for the employees to be retrenched in Bicol.

He said part of the rationalization program is to close down 67 provincial offices of the NIA, which will be replaced by 31 units called irrigation management offices.

In Bicol, Yu said that from 14 NIA units, the number of offices will be reduced to only three—the regional office and two irrigation management offices.

But he said the employees' union doubts the national government could fully pay the retirement incentives, which will be computed based on the employees' years of service in the government.

Yu said the national government offers "retirement incentives" for every year of government service as follows: half month salary for those who served for less than 20 years, three-fourths month for those with service records from 21 to 30 years and a month's salary for personnel who have been with the NIA 31 years or more.

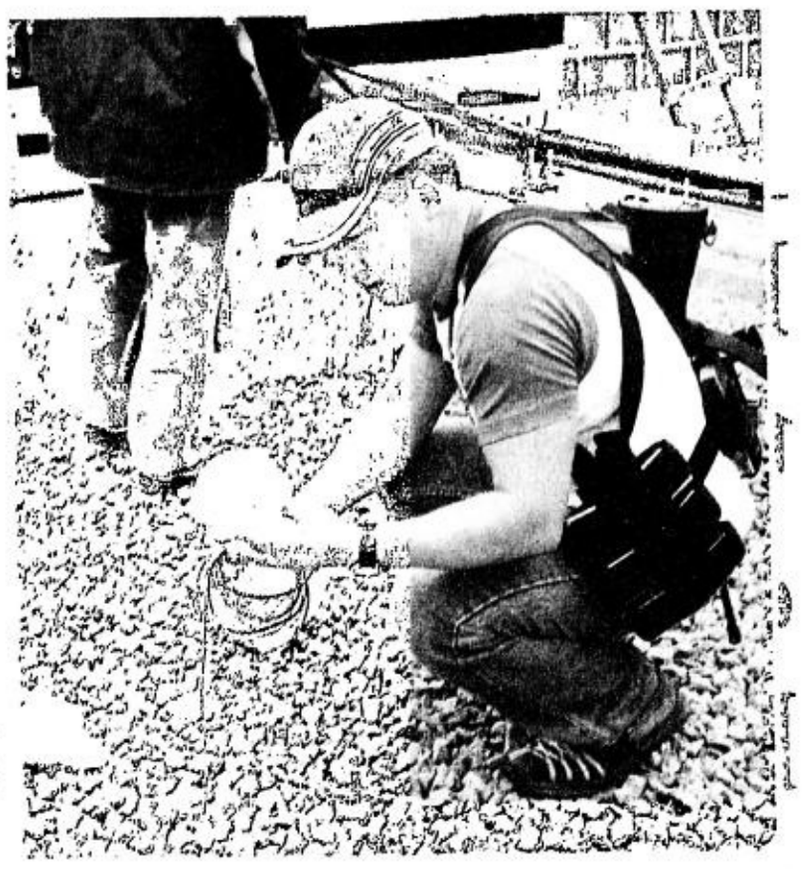
The union said the retirement package should include payments for terminal leaves and other unpaid benefits.

Yu said the NIA employees' union argued that the authorized plantilla positions by the Department of Budget and Management for their agency was 11,449 which he said was far below the actual number of personnel of 4,840 this year.

Yu said the NIA is appealing for exemption from the rationalization program because it would result in the deterioration of irrigation services to farmers all over the country.

"For one, the communal irrigation systems are still not devolved to the local government units which should have started in 1992," he said.

Yu added that even the maintenance and operation of irrigation canals which the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (Afma) mandated to be turned over to irrigators' associations was still undone because of the absence of guidelines. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



A POLICE officer inspects the site of the tower that was attacked by NPA gunmen.
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Cell site tower survives rebel attack in Quezon

LUCBAN, Q' 'ON—COMMUNIST GUNMEN attacked t .ed to destroy a cellular site tower in a vill .: here.

Police are trying to confirm reports that the gunmen instead seized a policeman.

Insp. Henry Ohagan, Lucban police chief, said PO3 Leo Madrigal, of Sampaloc town and assigned to the Mimaropa regional police office in Canlubang, Laguna, was in a jeep that passed by one of the gunmen's checkpoints.

Police could not confirm yet if the gunmen took Madrigal.

Supt. Vilmor Manzano, Quezon police intelligence and operations chief, said he talked with Madrigal by mobile phone after he was reported seized by the gunmen.

"But I'm not sure whether I'm really talking to our policeman. It could be another NPA member. I just instructed him to proceed to Camp Nakar and report to the headquarters," Manzano said.

Johnny Glorioso, dzMM correspondent in Quezon, said at least eight armed men in military uniform also stopped his vehicle as he was on his way to the house of Quezon Rep. Rafael Nantes, some 100 meters from the Globe cell site.

"I thought it was really a legitimate checkpoint. They flagged me down so I stopped and rolled down my window. When one of them spotted my press card dangling from my rear view mirror, he motioned me to go," Glorioso said.

On his way back after he found out that Nantes was not around, Glorioso said the same group of armed men was still in the area.

"The group just waved at me as if telling me to proceed. But I noticed that one of them had both hands tied at the back. But I ignored it since I was rushing home," Glorioso said.

The military's Southern Luzon Command sent soldiers from the 1st Infantry Brigade based in Luisiana, Laguna to track down the rebels.

"This latest act by the NPA only proves that they really deserve the terrorist tag. We appeal to lawmakers to pass the antiterrorism bill to strengthen the government's capability to address the problem," said Lt. Gen. Pedro Cabuay Jr. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Growth in co-ops seen in 10 years

DAVAO CITY—REAL GROWTH IN THE COUNtry's cooperative sector could start to become visible in the next 10 years, David Richardson, senior development officer of the World Council of Credit Unions (Woccu), said.

Richardson, who recently visited the city, made the prediction even as government officials admitted the growth of the country's cooperatives has slowed down.

Lecira Juarez, chair of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), said that nearly half of the 72,000 registered cooperatives in the country are heading for collapse.

But Juarez quickly added that she remains optimistic the cooperative sector can still be an active player in the government's thrust to reduce poverty in the country.

She said of the registered cooperatives nationwide, 52 percent are still growing.

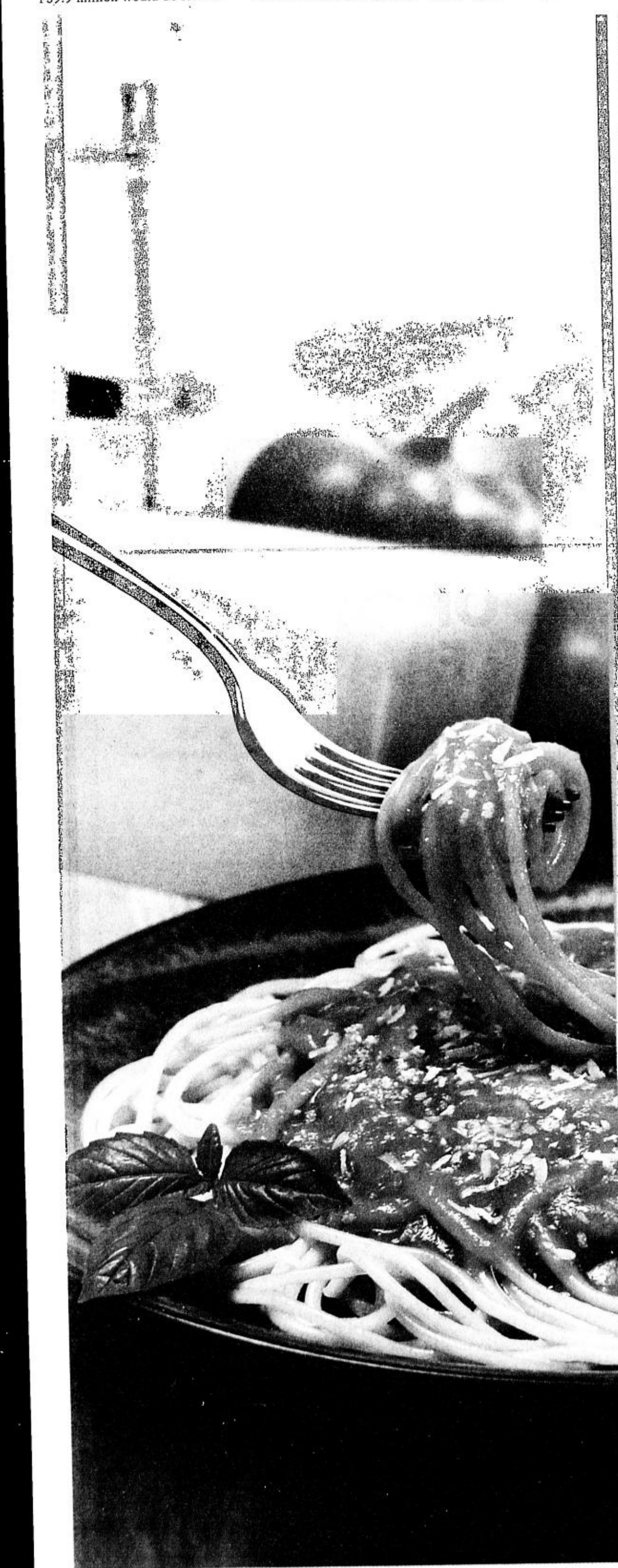
"I can see it (referring to the growth of cooperatives in the country) tripling in the next 10 years without any problem," Richardson said.

Richardson said the "explosive" growth of cooperatives could start from the second phase of the implementation of the Credit Union Empowerment and Strengthening Project-Philippines (CUES).

CUES is the international credit union development program of Woccu that works for the advocacy, the platform for innovation and development of credit unions nationwide.

Currently, CUES is working with at least 49 partner savings and credit cooperatives in 100 locations in Mindanao and the Visayas.

CUES, which started in the Philippines in 1997, is being funded by the United States Agency for International Development. *Judy Quiros, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Roads, new technology outrace wood hulled boats

COTABATO CITY—MODERNIZATION AND DIminishing forest resources are turning the art and trade of building wood-hulled boats, that link the ports of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao and Zamboanga del Sur, obsolete.

Engineer Salonga Sumampao, youngest in a family of local shipbuilders, said water transportation, which is part of the Maguindanao tradition, is being overtaken fast by the building of paved roads.

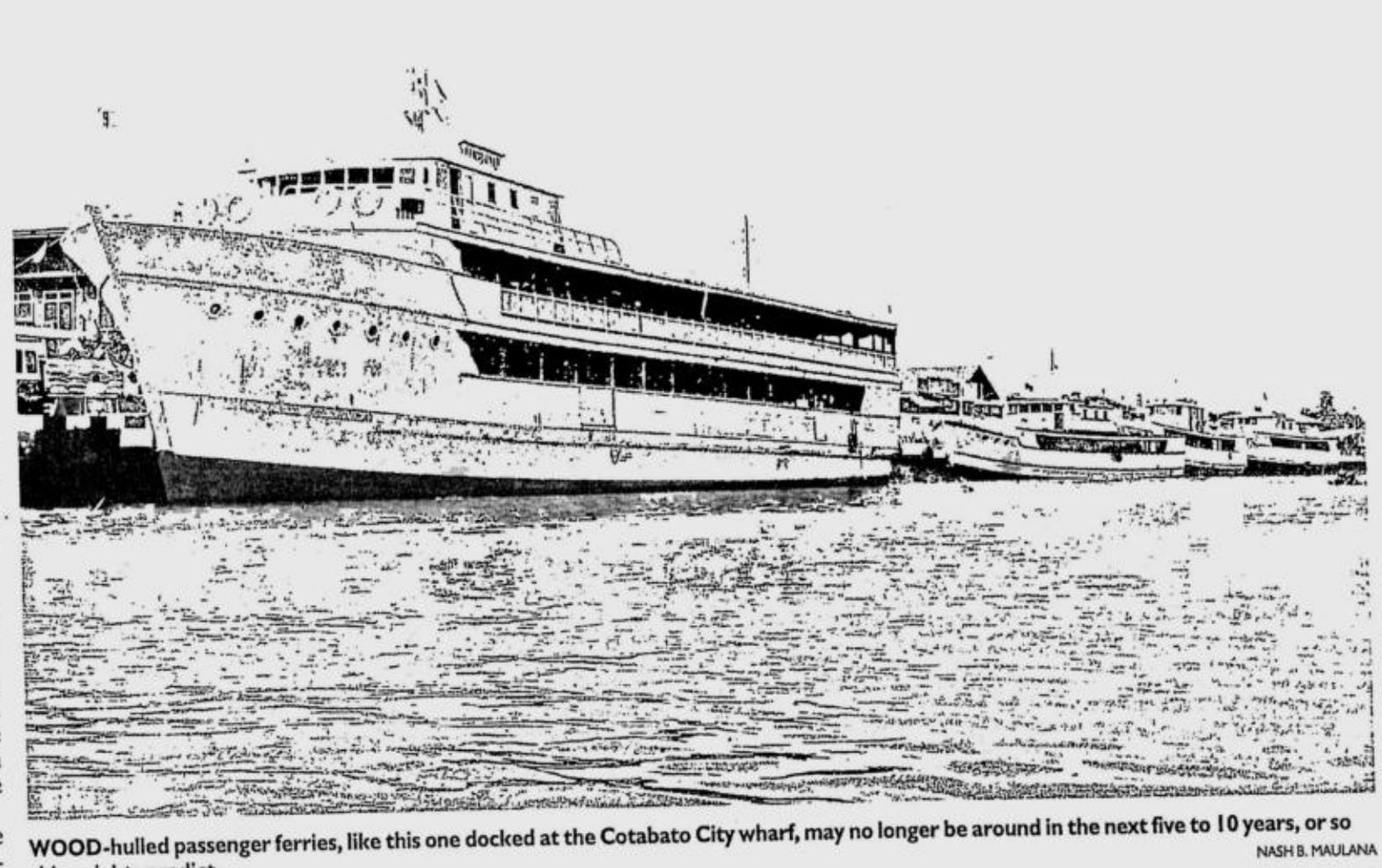
"Five to 10 years from now, we will see the massive conversion of passenger ships (plying the Cotabato-Pagadian City route) into deep-sea fishing boats (for a business alternative)," Sumampao said, noting that a shorter land route via Sultan Gumander town in Lanao Sur, has been opened to traffic.

Port manager Alejandre Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao said the region's ports were an ideal alternative for watercraft route shift, owing to the region's own implementation of the nautical highway program of President Macapagal-Arroyo and the current regional economic cooperation through the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asean Growth Area (BIMP-Eaga) programs.

Earlier, ARMM Gov. Zaldy Uy Ampatuan disclosed the regional government's plan to open the Polloc Port in Maguindanao as an international seaport, it being one of the country's biggest harbors.

Foreign funding from the World Bank has enabled the regional government to upgrade the port with an antiterror compliant passengers' terminal.

Maguindanao Rep. Simeon Datumanong, a former public works secretary, said long-term foreign loan programs on infrastructure development included the paving of the Zamboanga-Aurora-Pagadian-Ozamiz national highway and the Maguindanao-Sultan Kudarat road, through the concreting of the North Upi-Timanan-Lebak highway; the Shariff-Aguak-Lebak road; Isulan-Kulaman-Ninoy Aquino-Lebak road; and the continuation of the General Santos-Sarangani-Palimbang (Sultan Kudarat) road.



WOOD-hulled passenger ferries, like this one docked at the Cotabato City wharf, may no longer be around in the next five to 10 years, or so shipwrights predict.

NASH B. MAULANA

But officials said motor launches and fast watercraft would still be a major part of trade and commerce, especially in the ARMM. Of the region's five provinces and one city, only Lanao del Sur, Marawi City and Maguindanao are geographically linked. The rest—Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi—are separated by seas.

Sumampao, a government employee at the ARMM, said his shipwright siblings have turned to other means of livelihood—one of them, running a small land transport business in Malabang, the port capital town of Lanao del Sur which his family-owned motor launch once serviced.

The local shipbuilding industry, brought in by ancient Arab and Chinese traders, and later influenced by Dutch and American craftsmanship, is also dying with the thinning sources of molave and other hard wood species used as durable materials in building wood-hulled ferries.

By its satellite land resource map, the ARMM has only 21 percent forest cover left, according to environment official Alindatu Pagayao.

A maritime police officer said while the decommissioning of watercraft depend on sea-worthiness, the development of better traveled roads leave owners with few options, including permanent dry-docking of motor ferries and medium-size ships.

Another threat to wood- hulled boats is siltation in the Mindanao river waterway leading to the city wharf. Ampatuan said watercraft routes between the ports of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi could "partly revive" the historic sea lanes of barter trading between Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago that expanded to the Dutch-East Indies territory of the old Kingdom of Ternate; the British-Malay Co. and trade ties among Europeans and Chinese during the golden age of the sultanates. ***Nash B. Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR OUR OFW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Recent media reports have quoted certain OFW groups testifying before the People's Court that the P530 million OWWA-Medicare fund transferred to us by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) was used in last year's national elections.

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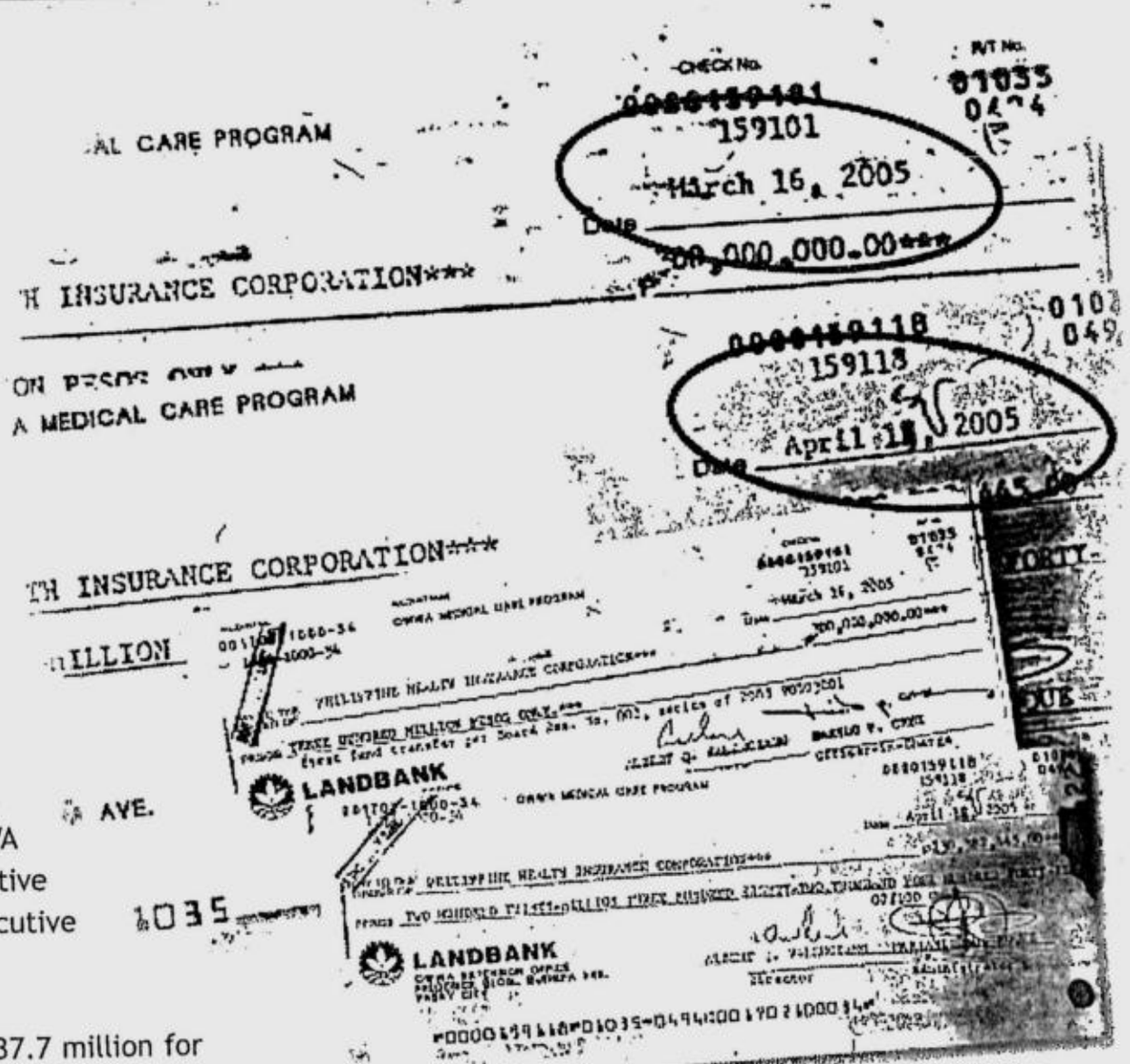
The P530M represents the amount needed to pay for the claims of OFWs for one year. The amount was actuarially determined and was agreed upon by both OWWA and PhilHealth, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 182 dated February 14, 2003 as amended by Executive Order 392 dated December 28, 2004.



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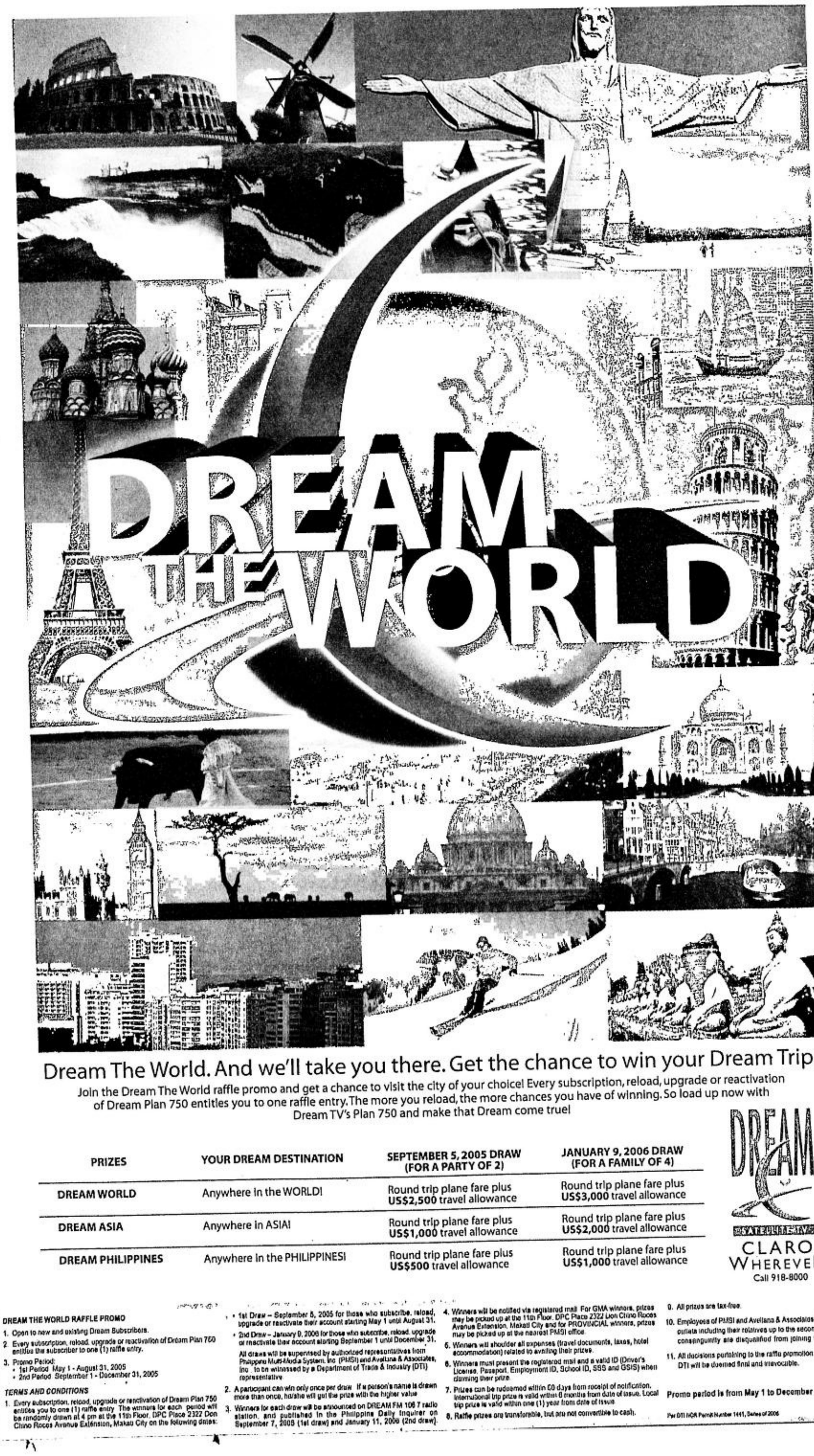

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Arrest of 2 in radioman's slaying ordered

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A COURT IN Polomolok, South Cotabato has ordered the arrest of the two suspects in the July 4 murder of radioman Rolando Morales of RMN Radyo Agong here.

Judge Eddie Rojas of the regional trial court branch 39 asked authorities to immediately take into custody Federico Saripa Jr. and Sanny Dimol on Oct. 28 but the victim's family received a copy of the arrest warrant only last week.

The Polomolok Police and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), which led the Task Force Newsman, said they have not yet received a copy of the arrest warrant but vowed to enforce it as soon as they are furnished one.

Morales was ambushed by at least six suspects on his way home after hosting his radio program.

During a series of raid conducted by police, which yielded explosives and firearms, Saripa was arrested and charges of illegal possession of firearms and explosives were filed against him. But the suspect posted bail and has since been missing.

Despite this, police talked to possible witnesses, who linked Saripa to Morales' death.

While Morales' murder is still far from being solved, another commentator of Radyo Agong complained about a death threat he allegedly received from a village official.

Elgin Damasco, host of Radyo Agong's daily public affairs program "Straight to the Point," told the INQUIRER that Fatima village chair Rolly Frenila threatened him in the presence of Emir Bariquit, Radyo Agong's program director.

Bariquit told the INQUIRER that he came to the barangay hall of Fatima on Nov. 17 to interview Frenila. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Troops keep peace between Lanao execs

COTABATO CITY—MARINES PADLOCKED the office of the Lanao del Sur governor in Marawi City and posted soldiers there in a bid to prevent violence between armed followers of Gov. Bashier Manalao and Vice Gov. Monera Dimakuta-Macabangon, a military officer said Saturday.

The two officials, who ran and won under the Ompia Party in the 2004 elections, are contesting the governorship following an Oct. 5 resolution by the Ombudsman suspending Manalao for six months.

The same resolution also directed Macabangon to serve as acting governor.

Earlier, Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) ordered the region's Department of Interior and Local Government to serve the suspension order on Manalao.

However, Manalao refused to vacate the office.

Last month, Ombudsman-Luzon Officer Victor Fernandez ordered Manalao suspended for six months after Macabangon and members of the provincial board filed dishonesty, abuse of authority and graft charges against him.

The provincial board also accused Manalao of appointing relatives to key positions and purchasing vehicles using government funds without approval from the provincial board.

"The military intervened. They (Manalao and Macabangon) agreed that we close the executive building while waiting for the final settlement of the case," Marine Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, Task Force Ranao chief, said.

Dolorfino, who is also deputy chief of the military's Southern Command, said a platoon of soldiers had been deployed to secure the provincial capitol in Marawi City. *Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Let's not bicker about this–Joker

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

INSTEAD OF BLAMING ONE ANOTHER, Philippine officials should form a united front to ensure that the rape case against six US Marines would proceed promptly and in accordance with the rules of justice and the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement, Sen. Joker Arroyo said yesterday.

The time to take issue with the US government is during the arraignment, if it does not produce the accused in court, and during the trial itself, the senator said.

"We never had custody of the servicemen, so it is useless to quarrel over it," Arroyo said in an interview. "The police and the SBMA did not arrest them, so they just walked away, perhaps because [the former] did not know enough about the VFA. At the moment, we have not established any violation of the US."

Arroyo said the presence of the accused was not indispensable during the preliminary stage of the case because their lawyers could represent them.

When probable cause is found against them, the case will be filed in court, and the court will issue the warrants of arrest, he said.

The warrants will be served at the US Embassy, where the six Marines are supposed to be staying, he added.

"If [the embassy does] not produce them for the arraignment, that's the time we can say 'Look, this is not working in our favor.' That's when we raise a howl," Arroyo said, adding:

"Let us unite first instead of quarreling with each other because this will be used against us by the US. Let us ensure that the preliminary investigation is finished as soon as possible."

THE HONOREE, Chief Justice Hilario Davide takes time off from the dance floor to chat with lawyer Katrina Legarda. At right is Budget Undersecretary Luis Liwanag. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

6th Marine in Subic rape a mystery

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could pin down Duplantis as her initial John Doe, she might get "confused" when making an identification of all the accused.

The defense could exploit this as a potential crack in her testimony, the lawyer said.

In an interview on Thursday, Paredes said that as stated in his copy of Soriano's statement, Duplantis was not among the driver's five American passengers on the night of the alleged rape.

"What I know is that there was no Duplantis in the van as identified by the driver. His name suddenly appeared in the subpoenas," Paredes said, adding:

"It's not yet clear what his participation was, but apparently it's not in the activities ... inside the van."

Until the preliminary investigation puts more pieces together, it will remain unclear why Duplantis was included as a respondent in the six subpoenas served on Nov. 8 by the Olongapo City prosecutor's office.

The rest of the summonses were for Daniel Smith, Chad Carpentier, Corey Burris, Albert Lara and Keith Silkwood.

Lara

Through his lawyer Jose Justiniano, Lara has asked the prosecutor's office in Olongapo City to drop him from the rape complaint on grounds that his physical features did not fit the description provided by the woman and the witnesses.

Justiniano, of the law firm Sycip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, yesterday told the INQUIRER that he filed the motion, including Lara's request for a confrontation with Soriano, last Friday.

"I am confident that my client does not fit the descriptions given by the woman or the witnesses," Justiniano said by phone.

The INQUIRER asked the lawyer to describe Lara's physical appearance, but he declined to do so.

The woman, Soriano and other witnesses had earlier described the accused as Caucasians and an African-American.

In the five-page motion, Justiniano cited the descriptions of the accused as stated in the sworn statements of the woman, Soriano, Ma. Fe Castro, Neptune Bar and Restaurant security guards Gerald Muyot and Tomas Corpuz Jr., and Subic Bay Freeport security officer Noel Paule.

Soriano

Justiniano said it was "inevitable" that Soriano—whom he described in the motion as the "only witness who appears to be familiar with the six respondents"—would be directed to attend the hearing scheduled on Nov. 23 to personally identify Lara.

"The result of this will determine whether Lara should be dropped from the criminal complaint because at present there is nothing to hold [him] as one of the respondents in this case," Justiniano said.

Through their lawyers, the six Americans had appealed for 10 more days to file their counter-affidavits and a rescheduling of the hearing.

Their appeals were denied by the prosecutor's office on Friday.

Prosecutor Prudencio Jalandoni and First Assistant Prosecutor Raymond Viray have yet to act on Lara's motion.

Gonzalez

In a phone interview with the INQUIRER, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez warned Filipinos against going on a "stampede" to condemn the six servicemen, saying they were entitled to equal protection under the law.

But "as much as possible, the law should be tilted to our favor," said Gonzalez, who was recently accused by the rape complainant's chief counsel, Katrina Legarda, of coddling the Americans.

Gonzalez observed that while everyone was entitled to due process, the servicemen appeared to have been "denied" such when the prosecutors of the Department of Justice junked the appeal of the accused to be given 10 more days to file their counter-affidavits.

"We should not be led by our emotions. What's important is we follow the rule of law," he said.

In his regular radio program over dwIZ, Gonzalez said the government was "doing everything to protect our countryman because that is the order of the President ... to protect the dignity of the country."

"That order speaks volumes," he said. But he added that "whether there is a directive of the President or not, we know the procedure—it is not a one-sided thing. Due process speaks of a balance of the situation."

"So, *Americano ka man, Negro ka*, or whatever you are, you are also entitled to the protection of the law. We do not stampede ourselves based on emotional matters to condemn [the US servicemen]," he said.

Hara-kiri

Gonzalez took offense at the accusation that the government was dealing with the alleged rape with kid gloves.

"What does the INQUIRER want, for the GIs to commit hara-kiri?" he said when asked whether President Macapagal-Arroyo's closeness to US President George W. Bush, or her need for US support amid her growing unpopularity at home, would affect efforts to seek justice for the rape complainant. *(See related story on Page A1.)*

Gonzalez said the Philippines was determined "not to yield territorial jurisdiction" to the United States as far as the trial of the servicemen was concerned.

But in the matter of custody, Gonzalez said that under the VFA, the United States had "primary custody" of the accused.

He also stepped up his attack on retired Gen. Jose Calimlim, deputy administrator of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, and continued to blame the latter for failing to keep the accused in Philippine custody.

Legarda

At the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo breakfast forum, Gonzalez said he would work for the effective prosecution of the six US Marines, but added that this did not mean he would make up with Legarda.

"She's the one who accused me [of coddling the accused], and her accusation was false. Why should I mend fences with her?" he said.

"I'd be happy to do the things that must be done by the prosecution, with or without Legarda. I'd be happy to support the cause of our country," he added.

Asked whether he thought the case would be resolved within a year, as prescribed by the VFA, Gonzales replied in the affirmative.

"Even the one-year prescription period is flexible," he said. "If there are dilatory tactics by the defense lawyers, that can be deducted from the running of the track. The one-year period refers to the judicial proceedings."

He said the judicial proceedings would start with the Americans' arraignment. *With a report from Norman Bordadora*

CALL HER THE DANCING QUEEN, which is the other side of Dinky Soliman, former DSWD secretary and full-time "plotter" these days, or so the Palace suspects. But she trips the light fantastic at the UP law alumni party with Palace insider Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

UP Law: They could have danced all night

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fense Secretary Avelino "Nonong" Cruz (Class '77) boogied with Legarda. Resigned Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman, who was dubbed the "Crying Lady" on Wednesday for her teary admission that she had helped President Macapagal-Arroyo cheat in the May 2004 elections, was a ballroom babe, whirling in the arms of her husband, lawyer Hector Soliman (Class '80) and later, with Cruz.

Soliman was among the 10 senior Cabinet officials who resigned on July 8, leaving behind colleagues, including Cruz, who stood solidly behind Ms Arroyo.

Rene Sarmiento (Class '74), officer-in-charge of the Office of the Presidential Assistant on the Peace Process (Opapp), was also seen dancing the night away.

According to Legarda, there were four distinguished justices in attendance: Eloisa Santiago, Conchita Carpio Morales and Leonardo Quisumbing, all from Class '62, and Antonio Carpio from Class '75.

Alumni from the post-war classes of 1948, 1949 and 1950 included Antonio Atienza, Rizalina Bonifacio Vera, Miguela Gonzales Yap and Carolina Griño Aquino.

The UP College of Law alumni included the late dictator President Ferdinand Marcos and the late Vice President Salvador Laurel.

Davide is the 20th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Born on Dec. 20, 1935, in Argao, Cebu, he was a legal practitioner before joining politics in the '70s. He rejoined the legal profession after a stint in politics, eventually becoming Chief Justice on Nov. 30, 1998.

Appointed to the Supreme Court by President Joseph Estrada, Davide presided over the Senate when it was convened into an impeachment court to try Estrada for alleged massive plunder in December 2000.

On Jan. 20, 2001, Davide administered the oath of office to then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who assumed office after a people power uprising ousted Estrada, even before the impeachment proceedings were completed.

Two months later, the Davide Supreme Court issued the ruling recognizing Ms Arroyo as the legitimate president on the grounds that the presidency had been vacated after Estrada left Malacañang on Jan. 20, 2001.

Muslim 'starving' artists paint their pride and pain

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some cases, express their pain.

At the height of the holy month of Ramadan, amateur Muslim artists in Maharlika Village in Taguig took part in a painting contest aimed at promoting the diverse Bangsamoro culture.

Talk about starving artists: The 21 contestants were in the thick of the traditional fast at the time they were rendering Moroland images in oil or acrylic.

The contestants included a former warrior of the Moro National Liberation Front, as well as children of former MNLF rebels who forged peace with the government in 1996.

The contest was opened on Oct. 1 and the deadline for submission was Oct. 15. The top three winners were awarded Friday night in Makati City in a gathering that doubled as an extended celebration of the post-Ramadan holiday Eid'l Fitr.

The entries will be exhibited in a private gallery in Maharlika starting Nov. 30, according to Bon Sindayen, president of the Mahjarajah Tanasara Foundation, which organized the competition.

First ever

In an interview with the INQUIRER, Sindayen said that as far as he could gather, it would be the Philippines' "first Muslim art exhibit," with all the painters belonging to the Islamic faith.

While Islam bans the depiction of human figures in religious art, Muslim artists can do so in works of secular themes, such as the people and culture of the various Muslim tribes in Mindanao, he explained.

"We just want to preserve our culture regardless of tribes. It seems to be disappearing among our young in these modern times. We hope to remind them at least through these drawings and paintings," said Sindayen, a Tausug.

The 21 artists who took part are members of the newly established Muslim Artists Association of Taguig, which is being supported by the foundation.

EDWIN BACASMAS

REBEL TURNS ARTIST. Former MNLF rebel Abdul Hamed Cale displays his painting "Khalis" (Moro kris) during the Muslim Artists Painting contest and exhibit at the Galeria de Magallanes clubhouse in Magallanes Village, Makati City. It marks the first time that Muslims in the Philippines held an art exhibit.

The winners honored at the awarding program held at the Galleria de Magallanes clubhouse were Abdulgani JP Madeja, first prize (P10,000); Abdul Asis Silatun, second prize (P7,000), and Jamil Manguerra, third prize (P5,000).

An audience that included foreign diplomats and former MNLF commanders Alawi Abbas Abdulah and Nikabulin Anda cheered them on.

The adjudged best painting by Madeja featured a tense scene straight from newspaper headlines: Muslims fleeing the armed conflict in the South.

'Khalis'

But among the non-winners, the INQUIRER met an artist who perhaps best articulated what the contest was all about.

Abdulhamed Cale, 38, used to be a "mass organizer" for the MNLF. He was recruited when he was 16 and a high school sophomore.

His unit—the Davao Revolutionary Committee—surrendered to the government in 1994.

Cale's entry, titled "Khalis" (Tausug for the legendary Moro kris), shows the fierce undulating blade out of its ornate sheath, as though floating in the air against a yellow background.

A closer look at Cale's kris would show that the blade has a "crack," and is about to break in two.

Explaining what the crack meant, Cale said in Filipino: "What we need is more education. But I'm wondering why we continue with this doctrine of fighting.

"I'm asking my generation to put a stop to the era of waging war."

'No choice'

Cale could not hide his regret when asked what made him join the rebel group: "You have no choice but to join because you live in an area that is part of the struggle."

"I could have been an engineer now. That was my plan," recalled the one-time honor student at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Institute, a private school in Pantokan, Compostela Valley.

Now a father of four, Cale ekes out a living painting streamers and street advertisements.

Before he went through "indoctrination," he said, he was getting good grades and relishing "borrowed Readers Digest" magazines after class.

But soon he was carrying an AK-47 rifle, hiding in the jungle and going without food for days, he said.

With the self-imposed hunger that he and the other contestants went through while finishing their paintings during Ramadan, the warrior-turned-artist said: "What came out in our paintings must be pure and from the heart."

From a mothers' home, a children's school rises

By Angelina G. Goloy
Contributor

ALONG THE STRETCH OF BONI SERrano (formerly Santolan) between Horseshoe Village and Camp Crame, the major landmarks are those symbolizing the start and finish of man's journey on this earth—birth and death.

One is the San Juan Cemetery. Not far away, on the other side of the road, is Abiertas House of Friendship, a home for unwed mothers and their babies, which marks its 75th anniversary today.

Between the two is a place for learning, which may well be the sum of every earthly sojourner's experience. Radiance School is adjacent to Abiertas, its location no incidental detail: The school sprang from the home.

Originally a pre-school, it is now a modest private, non-denominational institution, grounded in Christian values, with elementary and high school departments. The latter occupies a newer building, which will be dedicated to the memory of former Abiertas president Celedonia Mangaser Aquino as part of today's thanksgiving service.

How fitting that Radiance should be the focus of Abiertas' diamond rites!

Founded in 1930 by the Philippine Women's Christian Temperance Union, the home was built on a 1.5-hectare property donated by philanthropist Don Teodoro Yangco specifically for the purpose of providing shelter and protection for "needy and unfortunate women and girls." It was named in honor of Josefa Abiertas, one of the first Filipino women lawyers and champion of women's rights.

School for children

Years ago, babies left in the home and awaiting adoption were allowed to stay indefinitely, so that there would always be a growing brood needing not only to be fed and sheltered but also taught their ABCs and 1-2-3s, explains Abiertas president Lirio B. Victorino.

The toddlers, sometimes numbering five or six at a time, would be tutored informally by the care-giving staff. Later on families living near Abiertas heard about the "classes" and started sending their small children there.

Thus the house of friendship, discreetly shielded by concrete walls, opened its doors to children in the neighborhood.

Kiddieland Learning Center was put up in the late 1980s as a small community project within the Abiertas compound, says Elmer E. Estrella, school director and corporate treasurer. Then executive director Nila Cabrera invited a teacher to work as volunteer, he recalls.

The nursery school eventually became a full-scale school and given a name that suggests reaching out and spreading the word. Radiance School was established in June 1991, with a pre-school curriculum recognized by the then Department of Education, Culture, and Sports.

THE WOMEN behind Abiertas are (seated from left) Eladya Marasigan, Lirio Victorino (president), Estrella Del Mundo, (standing from left), Nila Cabrera (incoming president), Fiona Molina , Purita Cajiuat and Nora Bacabac (OIC) AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Transfer

Before the decade was over, the burgeoning school had a complete elementary department, necessitating its transfer to the present site. The high school department opened in June 2000 on the original site, behind the mothers' home.

Two batches of high school students have since graduated and are now enrolled at UST, Don Bosco, Central Colleges of the Philippines, Technological Institute of the Philippines, NC-BA, among other institutions, registrar Elizabeth B. Conol proudly reports.

At a little over 300, the student population allows adequate supervision by a 17-member faculty. There are only 15 pupils per class, says school coordinator Dante Tabuzo.

Resources are also kept at manageable levels, so that teaching is supported with modern materials and facilities. "Computer classes begin at kindergarten level," he says.

Radiance serves a community of mixed socio-economic backgrounds (from barangays Bagong Lipunan, Horseshoe, and Valenciano), so tuition is socialized. This accounts for the steady increase in enrollment. At one time, it had 500 students, but as in other private schools, hard times drove many to public schools.

About 30 of the 300 students are scholars from low-income families, who are supported by individual or group sponsors under Abiertas' Project Hannah. Deserving students in the community are screened by social workers led by Nora Bacabac, who is also officer in charge of the home for unwed mothers.

A handful of students are said to be children of former Abiertas residents, and they are supposed to be among the brightest.

Special programs

Five years ago, Radiance started a special education program (SPED) for children with autism, Downs Syndrome, and ADS, who are educable and can be integrated into a regular class.

"We found out that there are many children in the area with special needs," says Victorino, whose autistic daughter Lilian inspired the program. At present, Radiance has 38 SPED students, handled by four especially trained teachers.

In addition, Abiertas has a program for the elderly, which includes Bible study every Friday, medical check-ups, trips to the park and other recreation.

These special programs run largely on donations from private individuals and civic organizations here and abroad. (Abiertas used to receive financial support from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, but this has been discontinued since President Joseph Estrada's term.)

"It is much easier to source funding for educational projects, especially from overseas," says Victorino, who used to work in the foreign department of a commercial bank.

Traditional biases

Apparently the cause of unwed mothers is not so compelling—not to funding agencies abroad, where society is more liberated, not to local charitable organizations, which generally tend to be conservative.

Philippine society, however, has shed much of its traditional biases, one indication of which is the significant drop in the number of Abiertas residents—from an average of 18-20 back in the 1970s to six or seven, at most, at present.

Their profile has also changed, with more professionals and older women coming in just for a little privacy and solace while waiting out their due date. Place of healing

"Abiertas is no longer just for unwed mothers, but all women," Victorino says. "This is a place of healing... Staying here is an opportunity for reflection and prayer."

Although she stresses that there will always be a place for unwed mothers at Abiertas, she does not discount the likelihood of the program for them eventually being phased out. "We have to plan on how best to make use of the facilities to benefit the community," she says, adding that their mandate of service will never change.

The nursery is no longer so full either.

When Victorino assumed the presidency of Abiertas seven years ago, she changed

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4 bank robbers get life terms

By Tina G. Santos

THE MANILA REGIONAL TRIAL Court has sentenced to life imprisonment four men involved in bank robberies in Manila nine years ago, which also resulted in the death of three people.

RTC Judge Manuel Barrios found the accused Romeo Etang, Renante Nedia, Gilberto Tambio and Norberto Go guilty beyond reasonable doubt of the special complex crime of robbery with multiple homicide.

Edman Mamposte, another accused, died inside the Manila City Jail while Jesus Santilises was acquitted as the prosecution failed to adequately establish his guilt.

Court records showed that on Feb. 28, 1996, the four accused, along with 10 others, robbed the PCI Bank branch in front of the De La Salle University along Taft Avenue in Manila.

Armed with high-powered firearms and their faces covered with hood and ski masks, the robbers divested the bank of P1.1 million. They also took the bank employees' and clients' valuables.

An exchange of gunfire between the robbers and the bank's security personnel ensued resulting in the death of security guard Jiver Pobre. Motorists Remegio Alcantara and his son Remegio II, who were caught in the crossfire, were also killed.

In its ruling, the court gave credence to the testimony of another accused, Jesus Sampaga, who later turned into a state witness since his participation was merely to control the traffic along Taft Avenue while the heist was going on.

TV host's haughty behavior irks police

By Luige A. del Puerto

INSTEAD OF THANKING THE POlice for recovering her stolen Nissan Patrol, the TV host Iya Villania allegedly insulted the police by acting "rude and arrogant" when she went to Camp Crame to confirm whether the car was indeed hers or not, a senior police officer said yesterday.

Villania even slammed the door of the Nissan Patrol when she inspected it at the Traffic Management Group compound last Friday, said TMG Chief Supt. Augusto Angcanan, adding he could not understand the allegedly haughty behavior.

"Not even a thank you," Angcanan said. "I was in uniform. There were other officers in uniform. She displayed a rude and arrogant behavior. It was as if she slapped all of us. We were insulted."

Angcanan said he expected the young lady to at least "appreciate the efforts" of those who recovered the Nissan Patrol, which she and her driver confirmed to be hers.

Angcanan said the recovery of Villania's car and four others was the culmination of a five-day operation in which operatives had to act like meticulous car buyers, and, at one point, even had to raise hundreds of thousands in cash to make their cover believable.

The remark allegedly by the TV personality that offended Angcanan the most was: "Personally, I'm not happy with what happened. I feel that there is really something behind all these things."

She allegedly uttered those words while the police symbolically turned over the car keys to her.

"What did she mean by that? That the PNP, particularly the TMG, is in connivance with the carjackers? If that is what she believes, she should come out in the open... and make it public that she is accusing us of connivance with these carjackers, and bring out all the evidence she has," Angcanan said.

18 elderly, sickly women inmates freed

By Luige A. del Puerto

IT WAS THE SWEETEST NEWS that 18 inmates of the Correctional Institute for Women in Mandaluyong City had heard in years.

And the news could not have come at a more perfect time, just as Christmas is approaching.

Prison Director Rachel Ruelo told the INQUIRER yesterday that Malacañang has approved the conditional pardon of the 18 women, many of them beyond 70 and very sickly.

"This is very good news. Christmas will be truly happy for those who will be released," she said. "This also gave hope to those who have begun to lose hope of being freed."

Ruelo said on Monday, her office received a call from Malacañang informing the correctional institute of the pardon.

When the news spread out, the inmates, tearful and thankful, embraced each other and hugged her as well, Ruelo said.

The pardon came two years after President Macapagal-Arroyo promised to release the very old and sickly inmates of the institute.

The Inner Wheel Club of the Philippines, an association of the wife of Rotarians, has been at the forefront of the efforts to have the elderly women returned to their families.

The group launched the campaign, dubbed "Laya ka na Lola," to help the inmates adapt to life outside prison. The group pressed on with their ultimate goal—to give the elderly the chance to spend the twilight of their lives outside the walls of prison. Its members wrote Justice and Malacañang officials and solicited the help of lawyers and media persons.

Last week, Liza Elorde, a former club president, excitedly narrated how their efforts paid off.

"They're finally going to be free. On Sunday, we are organizing a thanksgiving mass for them," she said.

Yesterday, Ruelo signed the 18 inmates' certificates of release. She only has one advise to the women.

"I told them that this is their chance, there won't be another chance like this. They should not break any penal law. That's the only condition for their pardon," Ruelo said.

The INQUIRER reported about the plight of the elderly women during Christmas in 2003. One of the women the INQUIRER spoke with, Lola Asuncion, who was then 72, were among those Malacañang has pardoned, according to Ruelo.

Back then, Lola Asuncion had said she did not want to look back at the time that the police arrested her because a few days later, her husband died.

"In here, when you have nothing to do but wait, the memory returns every so often, and that hurts," she had said.

"Well, she's among the pardoned. I'm very happy for her," Ruelo said.

Ruelo and members of the Inner Wheel Club of the Philippines believe the elderly inmates should be freed because they no longer pose a danger to society.

Two years ago, Lola Asuncion asked God to "grant me and the other old women here freedom, and to give us a few more years with which we could spend with our children." Two years ago, Ms Arroyo promised to release women like Lola Asuncion.

The events last week have showed that some promises are kept, and wishes are indeed granted.

8 inventors turn crises into great opportunities

By Jocelyn R. Uy

EVEN IN GRIM SITUATIONS, wonderful things emerge.

The alarming exodus of Filipino nurses to better paying jobs abroad. The importation ban during the martial law years. The dengue fever that continues to claim lives and the country's crippled economy.

These situations prompted eight Filipinos to take matters into their own hands: Dr. Billy Malang and wife Yasmin created a hospital bed that allowed patients to turn their back to their side to ease the burden of nurses.

The import ban in the 1980s forced Erlinda Sanqui to concoct a fruitcake made from 12 native fruits. This then led her and daughter Rita Santiago to make healthy fruit teas.

High school students David de la Rosa, Stefan Flora and Herbert Huyo aspired to help lessen mosquito-borne diseases in the country through their own mosquito vacuum.

And James Reamon, driven to improve the lives of farmers as well as the quality of agricultural products, crafted his own compost tea brewer to make a more potent organic fertilizer.

Their inventions and some 80 others were showcased in the Department of Science and Technology's 2005 National Inventors Week, an exposition of new inventions and technologies at the Philippine Trade Training Center in Pasay City which will culminate on Monday.

"Our nurses are overworked and underpaid that's why they leave the country and seek greener pastures abroad," Yasmin Malang, a registered nurse and pharmacist, told the INQUIRER in an interview.

Nurses face a more strenuous task when taking care of bedridden and comatose patients, she said.

Turning the patients over to their side to prevent bedsores, to change their clothes, to clean and feed them twice or thrice a day are not easy chores for nurses, she added.

During her three-year internship at the Chinese General Hospital in Manila back in 1972, she endured back pains caused by such routine, she recalled.

This led her to invent the "Patient Side-Turning Hospital Bed," which has garnered silver and bronze awards in international invention tilts since 2002.

She said the bed would also serve well small-framed Filipino nurses who take care of "big and heavy" patients abroad.

She and her husband are set to market it locally and internationally: "We can export either the product or the technology," she said.

Another "breakthrough" found only in the Philippines is the line of fruit tea products of 78-year-old Sanqui and her daughter Santiago.

"This is a breakthrough in Philippine invention because this is the first time we have teas made from different fruits found in the country," the sprightly tea-lover Sanqui told the INQUIRER.

It took mother and daughter two years to finish their new products which entailed rigid research and frequent trips to their six-hectare farm in Nueva Ecija to get their raw materials.

Their fruit tea line includes: mangosteen fruit and forest tea, sineguelas, papaya, guyabano, santol and guava. Mangosteen tea is the most potent of all as it helps cure several types of cancer, Sanqui said.

The fruit teas have been inspired by Sanqui's first patented invention in 1984—the Fruitcake Filipina, made up of 12 indigenous fruits, local wine and nuts like the pili.

The award-winning fruitcake was a product of Sanqui's ingenuity tested by an import ban imposed by the late President Ferdinand Marcos in 1983, she related.

"So I decided to make use of Philippine fruits instead. Then I went around town to buy fruits found only in the country," she related.

Meanwhile, Dela Rosa, Flora and Huyo, aged 15 and 16 of Cebu City National High School have devised a new concept of trapping and killing mosquitoes.

Called the Vacuumpire, the device involved a light bulb for attracting mosquitoes and a built-in exhaust fan to suck in the insects. The light bulb is enclosed in a cylinder, which the boys said was used to increase suction force.

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The upsurge of dengue cases and other mosquito-borne diseases led them to devise a cost-effective and hazard-free mosquito zapper, the young boys said.

Dengue fever has killed a total of 249 out of 17, 934 patients in the country this year.

On the other hand, pilot James Reamon want to help farmers improve the quality of the country's agricultural products.

So he created the Rex Compost Tea Brewer, an offshoot of the costly brewer sold in the market, he said.

"The brewer is made up of parts that are readily available in the market such as the plastic bin which holds the whole machine, aquarium aerators and tubes," he explained.

When fertilizers are brewed, particularly the excretions of worms, it becomes more potent against fungi and insects, he explained.

"Using the liquid fertilizer produced through the brewer, farmers would spend no more than P200 per hectare. Commercialized fertilizers and insecticides cost them P5,000 per hectare," he said.

INVENTORS Tess E. Dono and Manuel R. Dono, vice president and general manager of Grillerking, maker of McGrill, show how an ordinary stove can be converted into an instant griller using their invention. RODEL ROTONI

MAKATI FIRE
Residents of Susan Roces and Pacho compound along Sunrise St. in Barangay La Paz, Makati City, try to salvage their belongings from the fire that hit the area yesterday. RYAN LIM

From a mothers' home ...

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the policy regarding infant residents. Henceforth mothers may leave their babies only for as long as six months, while they look for a job and start to rebuild their lives.

"We encourage them to return for their babies. The best place for a child is with his or her mother," she says.

Consequently, all this has eased the strain on financial resources.

If today Abiertas is able to make ends meet on its spartan operating budget, it owes this, in no small measure, to the support given by Radiance, the little school it conceived in its womb.

NBI agents seize P1.6M in fake jeans

By Tina G. Santos

OPERATIVES OF THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) seized some P1.6 million worth of fake Lee brand jeans and short pants following a series of raids on warehouses in Pasay City over the weekend.

Raided were two retail outlets and two stockrooms of A.S. Paral Collection and Sonda Fashion Collection owned by Agripina Paral and Cynthia and Samson Ong, respectively.

The raided retail outlets were located at stalls 1L-2, 1L-3, 1A-7 and 1A-8, Galleria Baclaran Shopping Mall, Taft Avenue Extension.

On the other hand, the two stockrooms were located at Unit 120, Hao Yao Building, Cuneta Avenue, and at Unit 230 Pasay Metro Center, also on Taft Avenue.

Confiscated from the four establishments were 2,351 pairs of counterfeit Lee jeans and short pants.

Investigation showed that the raid was conducted following the information received by market search firm Orion Support Inc. which represents Lee Company in the Philippines.

METROBRIEFS

Telecom employee shot

A TWENTY-FIVE year old female employee of a telecommunications company was shot by an unidentified gunman late Friday night in Quezon City. Police identified the victim as Rea Villavicencio of No. 92 Road 3 cor. Alley 10, Project 6. She is now confined at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute. "Her car was not taken and the suspects left without taking anything from her," according to SPO1 Michael Marconeta, station's desk officer on duty. Villavicencio was standing beside her car when the unidentified suspect suddenly appeared from behind and fired two shots at the victim, hitting her at the back. According to witnesses, the gunman left the area on foot after seeing the victim fall to the ground. *Nancy Carvajal*

Arellano University reunion

THE ARELLANO University (F.G. Calderon High School) will hold a grand alumni homecoming for batch 1952 to 1996 on Dec. 11, 2005 at 6 p.m., at the Philippine Racing Club (Social Hall) along A.P. Reyes Avenue, Makati City. For more details please contact the following: Ms Lorna Montalvo (Batch '57) 8953990/0916-5291299; Ms Tess Mojica-Vittali (Batch '63) 8704932/0927-6169683; Mr. Joey Sevilla (Batch '71) 5644838/0920-9623760; Mr. Rowinnie Arguelles (Batch '84) 8171221/0910-7692794; Ms Charina de Luna (Batch '93) 5637261/0919-4939467; Mr. Jason Sevilla (Batch '94) 5644838/0918-9270150.

JP Laurel homecoming

TO ALL alumni of Jose P. Laurel High School Batch 1973-1974: Please contact any of the following: Mel Pasco Oprecio (0917-8219256), Nora Baladad Cabacungan (0917-8231097), Tess Lizardo Sanchez (0928-7583150), Gina Onciano Santillan (0919-4462076), Venjie Saldana Estrella (0915-3175598) or Hector Gonzalez (0921-2913129) regarding the batch reunion.

Librarians' conference

THE PHILIPPINE Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI) in cooperation with the PLAI Cordillera Administrative Region Librarians Council and National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS) will conduct a national conference at the Baguio-Benguet Community Credit Cooperative, Inc. (BBCCI), Upper Assumption Road, Baguio City on Nov. 21 and 22. The conference theme is "Empowerment of the Librarians' Imagination". For inquiries and reservation, contact Prof. Thelma Kim, 0917-5070217; Shirley L. Nava, 5249740 (telefax).

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9 senators back SEAG caging

By Musong R. Castillo

NINE SENATORS HAVE JOINED THE LAST-minute bid to restore basketball in the roster of events of the coming Southeast Asian Games.

In a report by the Senate Committee on Games, Amusements and Sports last Monday, the Senators urged the Philippine Olympic Committee to reinstate the expelled Basketball Association of the Philippines and pave the way for the staging of the country's most popular event in the SEAG set Nov. 27-Dec. 5.

The report came several days after a Manila Regional Trial Court had "commanded" the POC to reinstate the BAP after ruling that the local Olympic body's expulsion of the cage body was invalid.

Basketball was officially stricken off the SEAG calendar of events last Nov. 10 during a SEAG Federation Council meeting presided by Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Jr., also the POC head, who cited the inability of the Philippines to hold the sport with the BAP under suspension.

But BAP president Joey Lina said reinstating his association would lead to an automatic lifting of the country's suspension from the Fiba and clear the way for basketball's return to the SEAG.

Senators Lito Lapid, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Jinggoy Estrada, Mar Roxas, Joker Arroyo, Alfredo Lim, Juan Flavier, Nene Pimentel and Ping Lacson signed the committee report asking that the POC executive board heed an earlier Fiba recommendation to Cojuangco "to return to the status quo when the BAP was fully recognized by the POC."

"We are confident that with the kind of leadership displayed to us by the present POC officers, they can make the contrary happen if only they are willing to reconsider the proposition of Fiba," the report said.

The POC, according to spokesman Joey Romasanta, has yet to receive a copy of the Senate report and declined to make a comment.

In an earlier interview, however, Romasanta had totally ruled out the holding of basketball after the SEAG Federation Council approved the scrapping of the event.

Romasanta said the court order could also dampen the chances of a new basketball body in the country being recognized by the international federation (Fiba).

"I don't know if that court order will be taken kindly by (Patrick) Baumann," Romasanta said, referring to the long-term solution signed by Cojuangco and the Fiba sec-gen two months ago in Geneva, Switzerland.

Giants soar

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4:10 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Red Bull Barako
6:40 p.m.—Air21 vs Sta. Lucia Realty

PUREFOODS CHUNKEE LED FROM START TO finish and whipped Alaska, 78-69, anew in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference at the Quezon Convention Center in Lucena City last night.

James Yap and Kerby Raymundo came out with all guns blazing as the Giants broke away from a 15-all count at the end of the first period and coasted to their ninth victory in 12 games.

Last night's victory was the exact opposite on how the Giants pounded out the first, when they came back from as many as 29 points down in regulation before surviving the Aces in overtime.

Coca-Cola trounced Barangay Ginebra, 79-67, in the second game to improve to 4-6. Ginebra dropped to 7-5. *June Navarro*

Wizards win

GAMES TODAY (SSC Gym, Cavite City)
2 p.m.—Montaña Pawnshop vs Rain or Shine
4 p.m.—Far Eastern Insurance vs Granny Goose

MAGNOLIA DAIRY ICE CREAM BANKED ON THE heroics of Jeff Chan to subdue Harbour Centre, 75-67, yesterday in the 2006 PBL Heroes Cup at the FEU Gym.

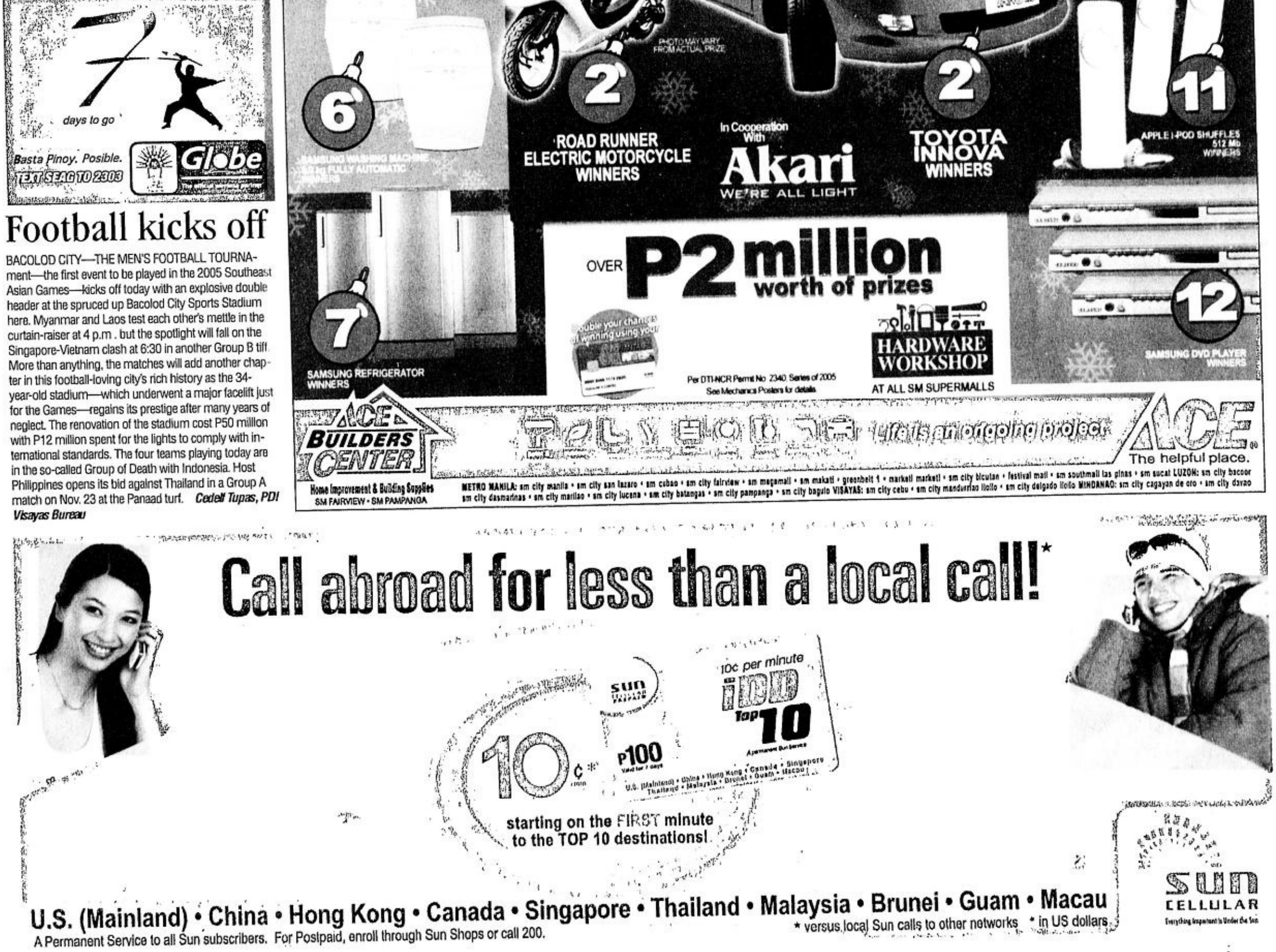
The 6-foot-3 Chan came through with a steal and a triple down the stretch to power the Wizards to their fourth straight win in as many games. The Port Masters fell to 2-2.

Earlier, Hapee-PCU pounced on Toyota Otis's third-quarter slump to prevail, 69-46, and break its three-game skid.

The Knights had an all-time low of seven points in the third period to finish with the lowest output in the league. Hapee, which improved to 2-5, held the previous low mark of 48 seven years ago. Toyota Otis fell to 1-3. *Marc Anthony Reyes*

Football kicks off

BACOLOD CITY—THE MEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAment—the first event to be played in the 2005 Southeast Asian Games—kicks off today with an explosive double header at the spruced up Bacolod City Sports Stadium here. Myanmar and Laos test each other's mettle in the curtain-raiser at 4 p.m . but the spotlight will fall on the Singapore-Vietnam clash at 6:30 in another Group B tiff. More than anything, the matches will add another chapter in this football-loving city's rich history as the 34-year-old stadium—which underwent a major facelift just for the Games—regains its prestige after many years of neglect. The renovation of the stadium cost P50 million with P12 million spent for the lights to comply with international standards. The four teams playing today are in the so-called Group of Death with Indonesia. Host Philippines opens its bid against Thailand in a Group A match on Nov. 23 at the Panaad turf. *Cedell Tupas, PDI Visayas Bureau*



SPORTSWATCH

Top JVC bets make last 16

DE LA Salle and UST sustained their impressive run in the JVC Inter-scholastics Championships, sweeping their respective matches to lead the march of the favorites into the last 16 of the P300,000 event at the PowerSmash Badminton Center in Makati City Friday. La Salle ripped Assumption and Emilio Aguinaldo College via 3-0 routs to arrange a showdown with Miriam College for one of the quarterfinal berths. UP-Diliman and UST also swept their first three matches in the elims to top their respective groups.

856 entries join derby

THE NATIONAL Federation of Gamefowl Breeders (NFGB), in cooperation with main sponsors Gran Matador and B-Meg, presents the semifinal round of the 2005 National Bakbakan 9-stag derby on Nov. 21, 22 and 24 at the Araneta Coliseum. The event drew an astonishing 856 entries all over the country. For inquiries, call 9112928 and 9113101.

San Juan 4-stag stakes P.5M

NO less than P500,000 in guaranteed prize will be disputed in a 4-stag derby on Nov. 23 (Wednesday) at the newly opened San Juan Coliseum. Sponsor is Sagupaan Complexor 3000. Submission of weights is one day before, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., since the event will start at noon. For details, call 725-5665, 725-5369 and 727-7086 (Ariel).

Quilaton victory aired today

FISTORAMA features, this afternoon, the country's No. 1 light-flyweight contender Rodel Quilaton of Cantada Boxing in a TKO victory over Jerry Duazo of the L&M Gym in the second round of a scheduled ten-rounder. The bout was the main event in the fight card promoted by Edgardo "Boy" Cantada last week at the Joe Cantada Boxing Arena. Fistorama is shown worldwide twice weekly through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel Pinoy Central TV. The event, supported by Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon, is aired at 4 p.m. Sundays on RPN 9. Golf Power Plus, supported by PCSO, Tanduay and Samsung, airs at 3 p.m.

MOA SIGNING
Cecilio "Lito" Gillamac (left) and NBC sec gen Tito Palma at the MOA signing. Gillamac is one of the owners of Tribu Sugbu, which is preparing for next season with a team to be headed by former pro Jojo Tangkay.

10th Marho Breeders' Cup kicks off

EURO BUCKS AND EMPIRE KING WILL BE sharing a common goal when they run in the 10th Marho Breeders' Cup today (Nov. 20) at the Santa Ana Park.

Completing a rare double coming off victories in the recent Philtobo Grand Championship Day looks a cinch for both Euro Bucks and Empire as they tackle separate rivals in the 3-Year-Old Filly Mile and Classic, respectively.

Aside from aiming for that feat, Euro Bucks is also targetting a seventh straight victory in one of the six major events to be disputed in the annual racefest patterned after the US Breeders' Cup World Championships of racing.

To be partnered by Jesse Guce, Euro Bucks, bred by former Marho president Aristeo "Putch" Puyat, is trying to keep intact the season's longest winning run. *Edwin Villanueva, contributor*

DETROIT'S Ben Wallace (left) battl

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HSBC Champions: Reuniting with Tiger Woods

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE RECENT HSBC CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT in Shanghai, China, has given me the rare chance to reunite with Tiger Woods.

Thus, before proceeding, may I say I couldn't thank Warner Manning, the HSBC top honcho in the Philippines, enough for having me invited in October to the HSBC Invitational at Tagaytay Highlands/Midlands.

To repeat, it was there that I won the grand raffle of two PAL tickets, business class, and a bonus stay at a super de luxe room with suite-like amenities at the Shanghai Hilton, where, for the luck of me (again), tennis stars like world No. 1 Roger Federer and David Nalbandian and I shared same-floor rooms as they were also in Shanghai, playing in the Tennis Masters Cup.

Christmas in November?

You can say that again, Joe Cajili.

"*Ano bang ipinakain mo kay* Mr. Manning *at naimbita ka* (What have you done to Mr. Manning to merit you an invitation to join his tournament?)," was the constant ribbing I got from numerous friends when I got back from Shanghai this week.

Oh, well, maybe Laine Santana, the HSBC public relations stalwart, can provide the answer?

Tiger Woods has grown tall as a eucalyptus tree.

Still an amateur the last time I saw him in 1994—skinny, not even 5-foot-8—Tiger Woods is now 6-foot-2. Lean and mean, he is now all muscles. You can attribute that to a custom-made, hi-tech gym installed in his private Lear jet that he uses in his numerous travels around the world playing golf. It is said that with his hectic schedule, Tiger does his gym work on board his jet, 37 thousand feet up in the skies.

From the HSBC Champions in Shanghai, Tiger flew to Japan for the Dunlop Open, which he won last year and is now ongoing.

In 1994 when he was barely 18 and not yet a certified professional star, I could approach him that easily. The place was Versailles, France, where he was the rising star of the US Team to the World Team Championship that year.

One night that year, Jake P. Ayson and I stumbled into Tiger Woods munching hamburger at his hotel lobby in Versailles. He was alone, enjoying his sandwich while seated, his Coke resting on his lap.

"Hi, guys," he said, smiling that toothy smile of his. "Sorry I couldn't offer you anything. This is all I got for dinner."

Eleven years later, here I was with Tiger Woods again.

But, omigosh, things have changed dramatically, if not drastically.

I couldn't go near him that easily now.

Burly, barrel-chested guards surround him. Even his mother, Tida, and his wife, Elin, are heavily guarded while trailing Tiger during the third and fourth rounds of the HSBC Champions on Nov. 12 and Nov. 13. Luckily for Sol Juvida, though, if you can call it that, she got some pretty nice snap shots of mother and daughter-in-law standing close together on two greenside fringes at Shanghai Sheshan Golf Club.

"I am taller than Tida and Elin seems not taller than me," said the excited Sol, 5-foot-4. "Tida, being a Thai, looks every inch an Asian, and Elin, thoroughly blonde and wearing no make-up at all, has a skin as smooth as silk. Her face is spotless like a baby's behind."

Did I get to talk to Tiger Woods?

Well, not really, although he told us at the Media Center, in answer to a question on Nov. 12: "Can you tell us how you try and cope with the distractions today?"

"Well," he said, pausing, "you back off a number of times and regroup and try and get your commitment level to where it was before something happened. That's kind of how you have to deal with it. There's certainly going to be some distractions out there, and you just have to go ahead and cope with it."

The crowd that came for the HSBC Champions in Shanghai was the biggest I've seen since I watched the 1991 Masters in Augusta. It was a sea of mankind and the human traffic was simply incredible. And the gallery was an international cast of Europeans, Asians and Australians, each paying 1,400 yuans daily (roughly nearly $200).

Oh, yes, how did Tiger Woods finish?

Second. Three shots behind the 30-year-old Briton, David Howell, who finished 20-under (65-67-68-68) to Tiger's 17-under (65-69-67-70).

"This time, Tiger was not on a song," said Howell, who scored his second straight victory after winning the BMW International the week before.

Tiger's runner-up finish at HSBC Champions played second fiddle to me. Seeing him again in the flesh 11 years to the day I saw him munching a hamburger all by his lonesome, appearing as mortal as Jake and me at that time, proved to be the thrill of the trip.

Why, even that thin goatee of his has accentuated his iconic stature.

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FASTBREAK. Thank you very much to the PAL crew of flight PR 337, who made our journey from Shanghai to Manila on Nov. 16 memorable as well as pleasurable: Capt. Allen T. Tigulo, Capt. Joselito B. O'Santos, F/O Gaudencio S. Maniano, FP Sarah D. Fernandez, FS Jose Ma. Martin F. Thomas Jr., FS Jostin P. Cuachon, FA Ma. Trinidad J. Marquez, FA Mary Catherine M. Villanueva, CI Anna Cristina A. Lam. Also to Teresa Tan, the PAL Shanghai manager; Danny Gruba and Henry (I didn't catch Henry's family name but he sure made an extra effort to assist us from the check-in counter all the way to our business class seats). *Mabuhay!*

Tuñacao new OPBF champ

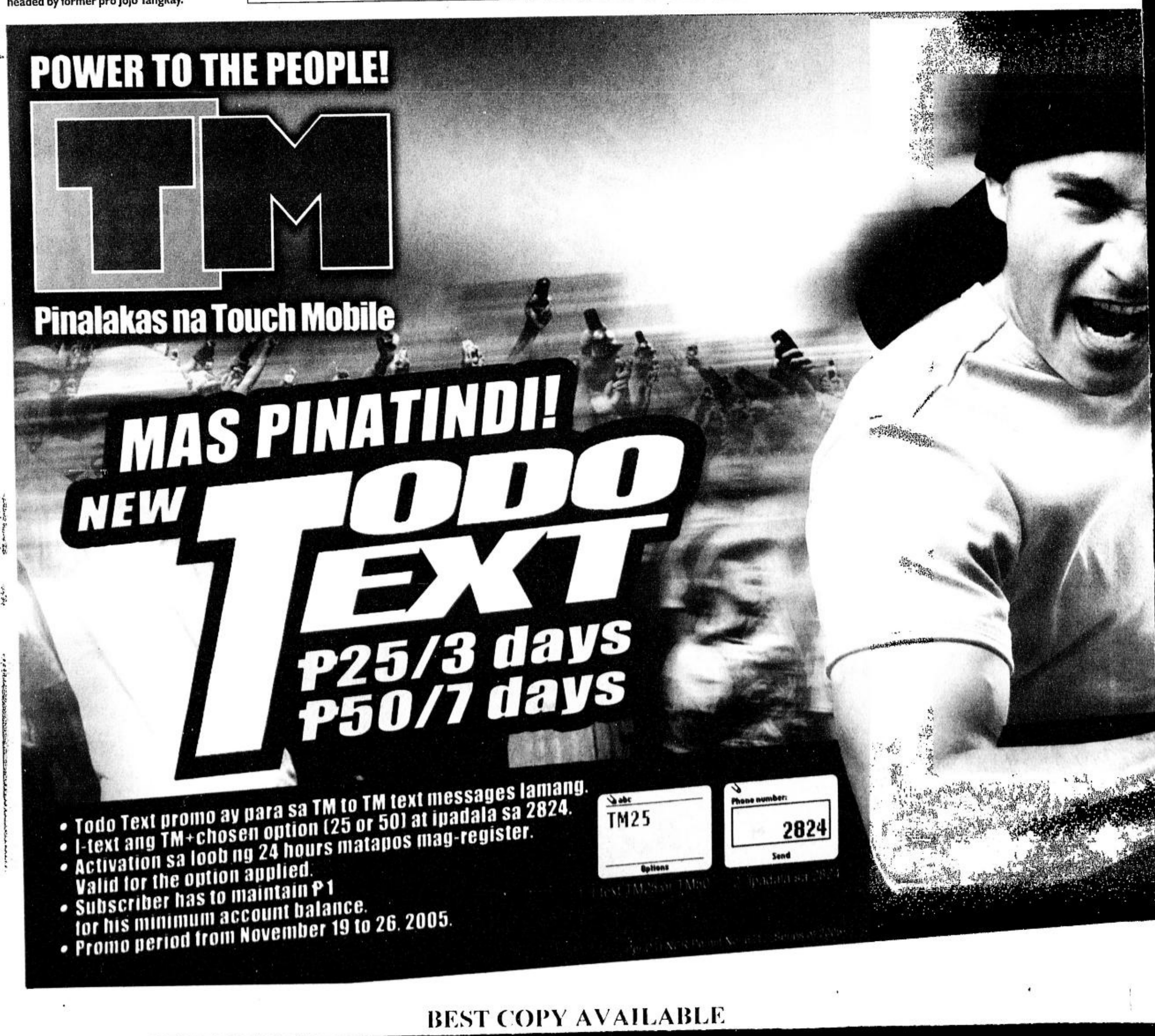
By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

TOKYO—FILIPINO MALCOLM "Eagle Eye" Tuñacao dethroned Thailand's Kumarnthong Por Pluemkamol via unanimous decision in their 12-round battle for the OPBF (Orient Pacific Boxing Federation) bantamweight crown Saturday at the Korakuen Hall here.

Tuñacao, who came into the ring carried by two burly men and a throng of supporters, befuddled Kumarnthong with his jab and body shots to score a lopsided 120-109, 119-109, 118-111 victory.

"My hands are aching," said Tuñacao, who was mobbed by Japanese and Filipino fans after the fight. "I proved my worth tonight. I'm very proud of my victory."

The win improved the ex-WBC flyweight champ Tuñacao's record to 19 wins, 1 loss, 2 draws with 13 KOs.



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s Houston's Yao Ming. AP

Bautista toys with foe

By Recah Trinidad

TAGBILARAN, BOHOL—REY "BOOM-Boom" Bautista bludgeoned a soft and overmatched Obote Ameme with blazing blows to the body to score a second round knockout and retain his WBO Asia Pacific bantamweight title here last night.

Bautista, 18, initiated a sorry mismatch midway in the opening round by dominating his older but fightless foe before going for the kill to the chant of a mammoth crowd at the CPG sports complex.

It was a dull bout as Obote, who had been knocked out four times previously, turned out to be a cheap, tasteless offering to hometown Bautista fanatics who again failed to savor their idol's true brilliance.

Bautista, dubbed the next Manny Pacquiao, has admitted he's both thrilled and honored by the comparison to the world boxing superstar from General Santos City.

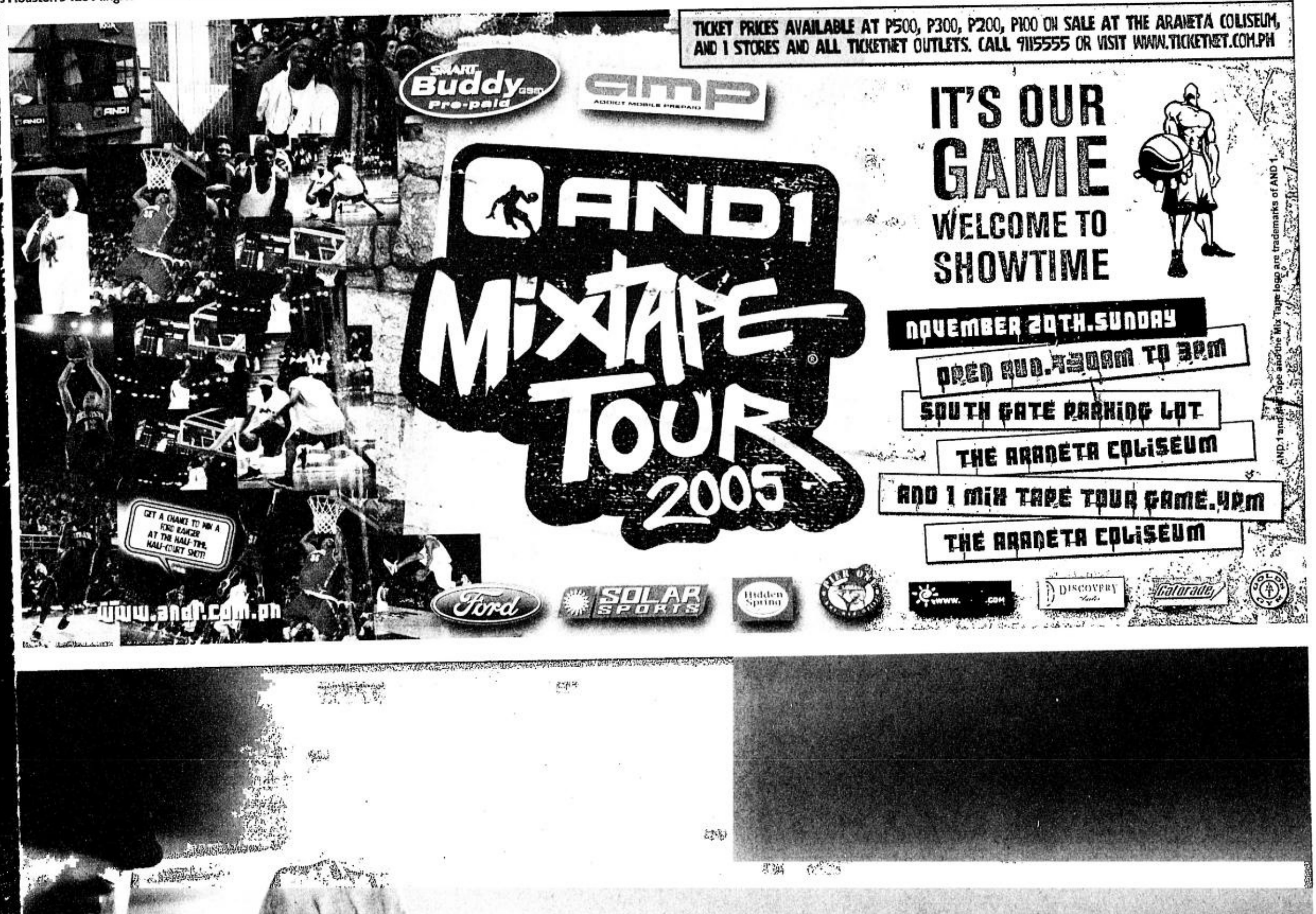
Bautista told the INQUIRER, while undergoing final body massage before the bout, that he's inspired by Pacquiao's great exploits.

Bautista, usually shy in public, turns into a raging bull (like Pacquiao) inside the ring where he has proudly displayed his inborn fighting gifts, anchored on courage, power and fierceness.

Now carrying an unblemished 18-0 (14 KOs) record, Bautista said he would not hesitate if and when he suddenly gets a crack at a world crown. He's ranked No. 1 bantamweight by the WBO and No. 10 by the World Boxing Council.

BoomBoom, who got P250,000 for the Obote bout, had his mother and father fetched from their place in Candijay, 80 kilometers from here, so they could be at ringside. He had a lunch of vegetable-fish soup, fried milkfish and noodles, before taking an early siesta.

Edito "Ala" Villamor, chief trainer in Tony Aldeguer's ALA Gym, said there are plans for another US outing in Nevada for Bautista before Christmas, possibly against Mexican Genaro Espinosa.



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Filipino bowlers bow out of World Cup

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia—The Philippines' Tyronne Ongpauco AND Ellen Ramos failed to make the top eight and crashed out of the 41st QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup after 32 games Friday at the Gladiator Bowling Center here. Ongpauco finished only 12th in a field of 24 while Ramos came in 17th out of 24.

Zalameda gains finals

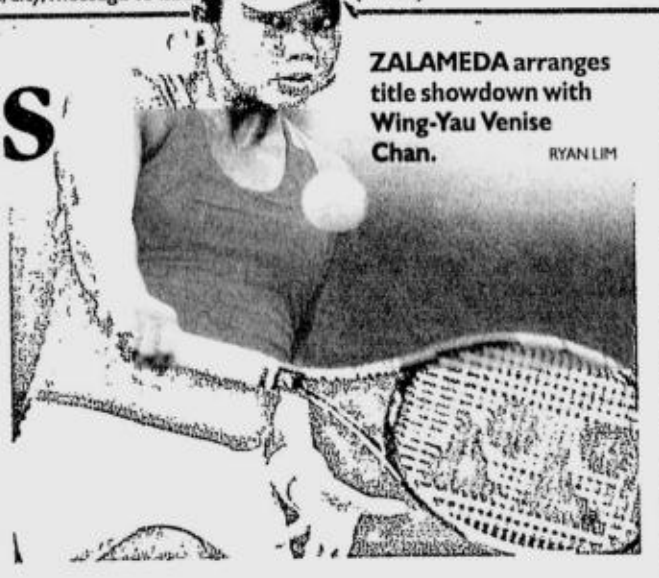
By Marc Anthony Reyes

FIL-AMERICAN RIZA ANGELA ZAlameda showed who's the top Philippine bet in the coming Southeast Asian Games when she downed Czarina Mae Arevalo, 6-4, 7-5, yesterday to barge into the finals of Holcim ITF Philippine Women's Circuit 2 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Zalameda will face in the championship match today first-leg winner Wing-Yau Venise Chan, who made it to the finals when the injured Natasha Khan of Britain retired in the other semis while trailing 6-0, 3-1.

The 19-year-old Zalameda trailed 3-5 in the second set before Arevalo, still nursing a shoulder injury, finally crumbled.

"I hate losing my serve so I fought back and when I broke her at 4-5 and held my serve at 5-5, I became more confident with my game," said Zalameda, the world No. 46 in ITF juniors list from UCLA.doubles final with RP teammate and fellow Fil-Am Denise Dy after they overwhelmed fourth seed Americans Julianna Gates and Chrissie Seredni, 6-1, 6-3. They will face Taiwanese Chen Yi and Kao Shao-Yuan, who scored a 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 upset win over top seeds Wilawan Choptang of Thailand and Hwang I-Hsuan of Chinese Taipei.



ZALAMEDA arranges title showdown with Wing-Yau Venise Chan. RYAN LIM

Murakami dons RP flag in Japan

By Musong R. Castillo

ARTEMIO MURAKAMI WILL TURN PRO IN THE next few days, abandoning the RP Southeast Asian Games team with a heavy heart but promising to play as a Filipino if and when he makes the Japanese Tour proper.

The former RP Am winner formally informed National Golf Association of the Philippines of his decision as he tees off in the fourth and final stage of the Japan qualifying series on Nov. 30 in Kumatomo City.

"I owe them (NGAP and its officials) so much and I am very grateful for their understanding," Murakami told the INQUIRER. "My career would not have gone this far without their help."

More than 100 aspirants, including the revered Frankie Miñoza, will take part in the 108-hole final leg. The SEAG golf competition will be held Dec. 1 to 4 at The Country Club in Canlubang. "I would have loved to play in the SEA Games," Murakami said.

Jungolfers back today

THE COUNTRY'S TOP JUNGOLFERS RETURN TO action today and will be put to test as they tackle the dreaded Dye course of the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club in Gen. Trias, Cavite, at the resumption of the Samsung Tour school season series. Tee off time is set at 10 a.m simultaneous on the first and 10th tees. Jungolf president Bang Mamaril said the tournament will prepare the kids for a busy vacation schedule where at least three major tournaments are lined up.

Orchard tilt lures 700

EXCITEMENT OVER THIS YEAR'S The Orchard Founders Invitational Golf Tournament has reached fever pitch as the roster of over 700 players gets ready for the biggest ever staging of the member-guest event of The Orchard Golf and Country Club in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Only three days remain before action explodes in an annual competition at the Gary Player and Arnold Palmer courses of The Orchard with unmatched fun and prizes. Anyone from among the participants may drive home a Ford Explorer XLT worth P2 million which is on offer as hole-in-one prize on seven par 3s of both courses. Players are also set to partake in a bounty of raffle items worth over P1.4 million, including a 53-inch projection TV, techie gadgets, personal accessories and golf equipment.

Major sponsors are Globe Telecoms, Ford Philippines, Golf King, Sta. Elena Properties Inc. and Sta. Lucia Realty & Development Corp. Security Bank Corp./Diners and PCSO are premium hole sponsors.

Other hole sponsors include PAL, E-Z-GO Pinnacle, Osim Phils. Inc., Asiana Airlines, Information Professionals Inc., Pagcor, Multi-Turf Co., Gainer's Marketing Corp. and The Turf Co.

Peña, Sy crowd Macau favorites

MACAU—Dado Pena and Tyson Sy, the Philippines' two rising superstars of the track, crowd a field of veteran drivers wanting to conquer the treacherous Guia Circuit on Sunday, but their own rivalry comes to fore when they both seek to win the Asian Formula Renault race of the Macau Grand Prix. Pena and Sy made it to the top half of the qualifying on Friday, with Sy posting the third fastest time behind Luca Persiani of Italy and Kayuma Oshima of Japan. Pena sits in 14th place of the 31-driver field but now claims relaxed in his first campaign in the Formula Renault.

TOP DRIVERS: RP bet Carlos Anton (middle) placed third in the first international Auto-cross/Gymkhana championships in Taiwan recently. Flanking him are Japanese champ Masaki Nishihara and runner-up Tetusna Yamano.

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A lift for RP show biz

By Marinel R. Cruz

• Five-year tax holiday for digital films

• Local movies' exemption from amusement taxes for the next five years.

• Tax exemption on all film-related raw materials and equipment

• Tax breaks for international production company, Big Foot Entertainment, by way of exemption from import taxes and duties of film equipment.

• Once-and-for-all implementation of Executive Order 255, which requires all radio stations to broadcast a minimum of four original Pilipino recording every hour.

THESE WERE PROPOSED BY VIC del Rosario—Viva Entertainment's big boss and presidential adviser on entertainment—in his latest report to Malacañang.

"If these recommendations are approved, we estimate that in five years, the local entertainment industry will fly," Del Rosario told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday. "By then, *hindi na kailangan ang* tax exemptions."

According to Del Rosario, the tax holiday for digital films will cover amusement taxes, VAT, withholding taxes and income taxes imposed on producers of digital films.

Door to the world

"Digital films could be the key to global acceptance of Filipino movies," he pointed out in his report. "[They are] now accepted worldwide... [and] are more economically viable [since] they have reasonable budgets."

He suggested that importers of digital projector equipment likewise be exempted from import duties. "This would jumpstart both supply and the corresponding theatrical venues," he explained. *(See Viewfinder, Page A2-4.)*

Del Rosario also noted in his report that only 20 local movies had been released since the beginning of the year. He added that market share of local movies had gone down to an estimated 10 percent to 15 percent, compared to the 50 percent market share 10 years ago.

"Film distributors brought in Korean, Japanese and Thai movies to pick up the slack in local output," said Del Rosario. "With appropriate government incentives, the Philippine film and entertainment industry could be globally competitive."

Big Foot Entertainment, a Hollywood production outfit based in Cebu, invested $30 million and "is willing to invest $120 million more" to operate a film school and world-class sound stage in Cebu, said Del Rosario.

"Appropriate tax breaks for Big Foot would enhance the country's competitiveness as a film production haven for foreign films," he explained. "This will provide local employment and facilitate technology transfer to local filmmakers and technical craftsmen."

Del Rosario also recommended a new

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MATTHEW McConaughey

New kind of 'sexy'

"WAIT TILL YOU SEE the roles I could take after this," actor Matthew McConaughey joked to People magazine, which named him "Sexiest Man Alive" in a special edition that hit newsstands on Friday (yesterday in Manila).

"You're going to see my gut hanging over, plus 22 pounds. It'll be a whole new kind of sexy!"

Snapping at his heels on People's 2005 list of sexy men are Jake Gyllenhaal, Vince Vaughn, Orlando Bloom and Matt Damon.

This is the 20th anniversary of the title, which was first awarded to Mel Gibson. *AFP*

Play OPM or else...

BAGUIO CITY—THE National Telecommunication Commission wants all broadcast stations in the country to strictly comply with an executive order that requires radio stations to routinely play original Filipino songs.

During the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas' 31st top level management conference last week, NTC Commissioner Ronaldo Solis said President Macapagal-Arroyo signed Memorandum Order 193 directing NTC to ensure strict compliance with Executive Order 255.

EO 255, signed on July 25, 1987, requires all radio stations with musical programs to broadcast a minimum of four original Pilipino musical (OPM) compositions every hour.

"Original Pilipino musical composition" refers to any musical composition created by a Filipino, whether its lyrics are in Filipino, English or in any other Filipino language or dialect.

Secretary Cerge Remonde, chief of the government's Mass Media Group, said Ms Arroyo recently met with officials and members of the Organisasyon ng mga Pilipinong Mang-aawit led by singer and actress Mitch Valdez to discuss several radio stations' chronic violation of the EO's provisions.

During a report to KBP members here last week, Ruperto Nicdao, KBP president, said a draft EO to amend EO 255 had been prepared.

The draft proposed to increase the P100 fine per viola

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JULIA Clarete vs Raymond Bagatsing

'H'wood Dreamers' finals airs tonight

IT WAS A "CLOSE FIGHT" BETWEEN Raymond Bagatsing and Julia Clarete in the final stretch of the reality-talent search "Hollywood Dreamers," according to ABC program manager Ramon Vicente V. de Vera.

"There were seven jurors composed of Hollywood casting agents and industry insiders," De Vera said. "The final score, producer Romeo Joven tells us, is 4-3—but Joven won't say in whose favor. He's keeping it a secret until the big revelation."

The last episode of the two-part finals airs at 10 tonight on ABC 5, which co-produced the search with Next Generation Productions.

The winner is guaranteed roles in two Hollywood movies, "Wrinkles" and "UN Murders."

Bagatsing and Clarete, who led a pack of five finalists, were sent to LA on Oct. 30 for the last five days of the competition.

They were looking for "intensity," the jurors told De Vera. Having impressed all members of the panel, Julia and Raymond were each given a Screen Actors Guild (SAG) card. The jurors were convinced the two "wouldn't have difficulty landing jobs in the United States."

"Viewers will see behind-the-scenes footage of Julia and Raymond's Hollywood experiences" *Bayani San Diego Jr.*

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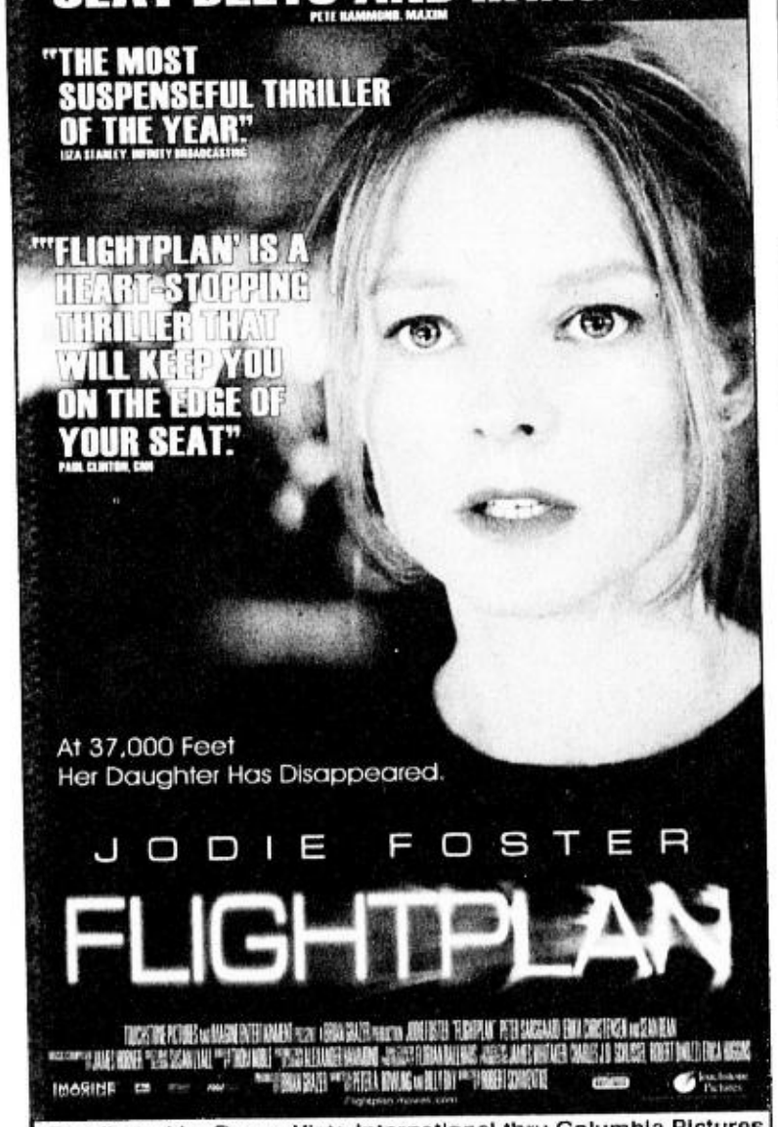

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IN THEATERS NOVEMBER 30

DIGITAL FEATURES ARE REALLY ing into their own this year. "Ilusyor the first full-length digital product clinch the top grade of A from the C Evaluation Board. Last week, "Big followed suit—and, one week later Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros, got an A from the CEB.

That's an impressive endorsem the quality and promise of the new film mode, and it augers well for t ture of the languishing Filipino mu dustry.

Since it's much cheaper to make tal feature, many new filmmakers been able to finance their dream movies, thus making the local film scene exciting and eventful than it used to be.

Even established directors can now make their dream movies without having to compromise their vision to suit the commercial guidelines of their financiers.

We hear, for instance, that no less than our National Artist for Film and Broadcast Arts, **Eddie Romero**, is preparing to shoot his first digital feature. That's real cause for celebration, indeed, and a welcome endorsement of digital filmmaking from one of our very best directors.

The biggest fly in this salubrious ointment is the cost of going from digital to celluloid so a movie can be shown in mainstream theaters. The cost goes from a low P800,000 to a high of P2 million—too much money for cash-trapped tyros to finance.

So, the best solution isn't film transfer, but to increase the number of local cinemas that have digital projectors. That way, there would be no need to cough up the extra cash for conversion, and digital filmmaking would really become the most cost-efficient solution to the Filipino movie industry's many woes.

We hear that the SM theater circuit is adding more movie houses equipped to show digital movies, and we hope that other circuits will do the same.

If we have 50 digital theaters to start with, digital filmmaking can become a profitable and popular

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National Artist Eddie Romero to direct digital feature

activity in this country.

Another solution would be to use a satellite to beam digital images directly to theaters especially equipped to receive them. This was bruited about some years ago by a big media group, but it has yet to see the light of day.

Perhaps the current surge in digital film production will light a fire under this alternative projection scheme, so filmmakers can enjoy its benefits in the next few years.

VIEWFINDER

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This is a cause for celebration

The movies they're making

Jennifer Aniston, now fully recovered after her **Brad Pitt** disconnection, stars in "Rumor Has It." In the wacky romantic comedy, she plays a young woman who puts her marriage plans on hold so she can go home and unravel some family secrets.

In "The Departed," **Matt Damon** is a gangster who has infiltrated the Boston police department as part of its cadet class and has been steadily rising through the ranks. **Leonardo DiCaprio** is a cop who has been deep undercover inside the mob, and is starting to come unglued. Each side works feverishly to flush the mole out, with deadly consequences.

Keanu Reeves also plays an undercover cop in "A Scanner Darkly." Set in a fu-

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'PRIME'
A PLEASING BALANCE BETWEEN ROMANTIC MOMENTS AND HUMOR-FOCUSED SCENES

Uma Thurman and Bryan Greenberg stars in the modern-day romantic-comedy movie "PRIME". Opens on November 23.

Placed in New York, which is represented with all the urban delight appropriate to a romantic comedy, writer/director Ben Younger's PRIME is the kind of movie that brings a smile to the face and keeps it pleasantly plastered there.

Rafi (*Uma Thurman*) is 37 and coming out of a failed marriage. She's processing the change with her therapist, **Lisa Metzger** (*Meryl Streep*) who encourages her saying, "*Get messy in life. At least you know you're living.*" But Streep's professional advice apparently stops at her office door. When it comes to her own son, **David** (*Bryan Greenberg*), she actively discourages him from his desired career as a painter and she presses him to find a Jewish girl to marry.

As fate would have it, and unbeknownst to Lisa, Rafi and David meet up and, despite a difference in age and different religions, they fall for each other, only then beginning to contend with the problems that their differences present. That's the premise, with the humor largely derived from Lisa's conflicted role as mother to David and shrink to Rafi.

Streep is at her comic best here, in some scenes using body language that expresses Lisa's discomfort with more humor and spot-on emotional accuracy than words ever could. Thurman is equally comfortable in this lighter, romantic vein as she has been in recent, heavier roles and young Greenberg is a natural, thoroughly engaging at the cusp of ingenuous youth and masculine adulthood. It's nice, for a change, to have a comedy in which the three main characters are all likable people; one laughs with them, not at them.

Director Younger sustains a pleasing balance between romantic moments (*trespassing in Gramercy Park, a surprise candlelit dinner*) and humor-focused scenes that feel fresh, even if often treading on familiar territory. And he has the good sense to keep the film to a length that fits its content, refraining from the common affliction among today's directors who all too often seem unable to leave a single frame on the cutting room floor.

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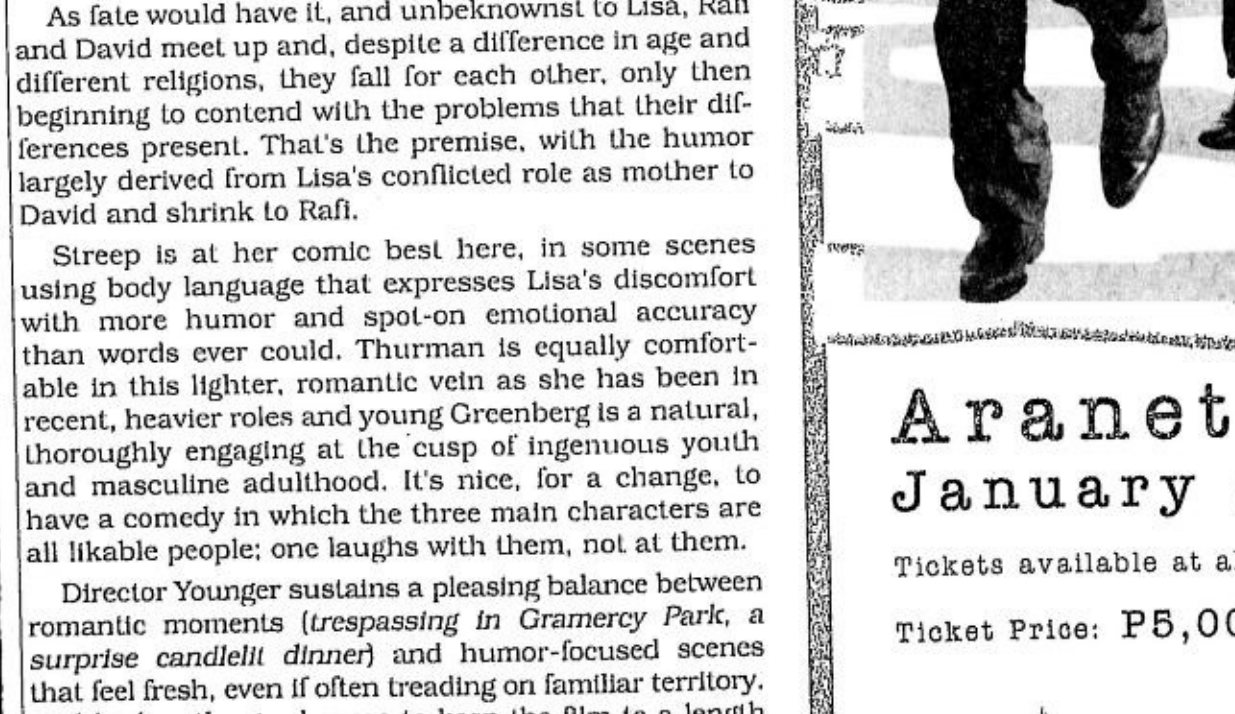

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1 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
2 LEGEND OF ZORRO
3 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
4 FLIGHTPLAN
5 LORD OF WAR
6 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
7 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN
8 FOUR BROTHERS
9 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
10 ISPIRITISTA
11 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
12 DOOM

SM CITY FAIRVIEW

1 MY SASSY GIRL
2 WAITING
3 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
4 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
5 ISPIRITISTA
6 LEGEND OF ZORRO
7 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
8 LAND OF THE DEAD
9 FLIGHTPLAN
10 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
11 CRY WOLF
12 RESERVED

SM CITY NORTH EDSA

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2 LEGEND OF ZORRO
3 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
4 FLIGHTPLAN
5 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
6 MY SASSY GIRL
7 ISPIRITISTA
8 WAITING
9 DEUCE BIGALOW
10 DOOM

SM CITY SOUTHMALL

1 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
2 FLIGHTPLAN
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6 LEGEND OF ZORRO
7 CRY WOLF
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9 FOUR BROTHERS
10 AB-NORMAL BEAUTY

SM CITY MANILA

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11 FOUR BROTHERS
12 FLIGHTPLAN

SM CITY BICUTAN

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3 FLIGHTPLAN
4 LEGEND OF ZORRO

SM CINEMA SAN LAZARO

1 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
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3 FLIGHTPLAN
4 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
5 LEGEND OF ZORRO
6 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE

SM MALL OF ASIA NOW OPEN

1 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
2 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
3 FLIGHTPLAN
4 ISPIRITISTA

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5 FLIGHTPLAN
6 ISPIRITISTA

SM CITY BACOOR

1 CRY WOLF
2 FOUR BROTHERS
3 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
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6 ISPIRITISTA
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8 DOOM

SM CITY DASMARIÑAS

1 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
2 FOUR BROTHERS
3 ISPIRITISTA
4 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE

SM CITY BACOLOD

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3 FOUR BROTHERS
4 FLIGHTPLAN

SM CITY MARIKINA NOW OPEN

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3 FLIGHTPLAN
4 ISPIRITISTA

SM CITY MARIKINA

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2 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
3 ISPIRITISTA
4 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE

SM CITY BATANGAS

1 FLIGHTPLAN
2 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
3 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
4 DOOM

VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

SM CITY ILOILO

1 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
2 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
3 FLIGHTPLAN
4 TRANSPORTER 2
5 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
6 DOOM
7 LEGEND OF ZORRO
8 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE

SM CITY CEBU

1 DOOM
2 RESERVED
3 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
4 FLIGHTPLAN
5 LEGEND OF ZORRO
6 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
7 RESERVED
8 WAITING

SM CITY DAVAO

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2 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
3 FLIGHTPLAN
4 DOOM
5 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE
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SM CITY GENERAL SANTOS

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3 FLIGHTPLAN
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2 THE LEGEND OF ZORRO 12:00 / 2:45 / 5:30 / 8:15

3 FLIGHT PLAN 1:30 / 3:50 / 6:10 / 8:30

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Eddie Romero to direct digital . . .

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ture world where the US government has lost the war on drugs. Reeves' character is one of many agents hooked on the popular drug substance D, which causes its users to develop split personalities. For instance, the undercover cop is also a notorious drug dealer. Along with his superior officers, the cop sets up an elaborate scheme to catch his other personality, and tear down his operation.

Asian International Art Exhibition

FROM Nov. 21 to March 26, works of 46 Filipino artists will be showcased along with their Asean colleagues in the 20th Asian International Art Exhibition at Ayala Museum in Makati.

Organized by Ayala Museum and the Philippine Committee of the Federation of Asian Artists, chaired by Ramon Orlina, this year's AIAE brings together works by contemporary artists from Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Macau, Hong Kong, Mongolia and the Philippines. Call 757-7117, or visit www.ayalamuseum.com.

Feminist filmfest

THE OPENING night of the Feminist Centennial Film Festival is on Nov. 23 at Shang Cineplex 3. At 7 p.m., awards will be given to outstanding women in Philippine cinema, followed at 8:15 p.m. by the premiere screening of "Iron Jawed Angels," starring Hilary Swank.

Play OPM . . .

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tion to P10,000 for the first offense and for the second offense, P50,000 plus temporary closure of the station.

But Nicdao said the KBP was set to submit a position paper to oppose the move.

"The draft EO impinges on creative production execution of some of our member stations, especially those that have embraced radio programming," he said.

Nicdao added that some stations refused to play certain OPM recordings because of their poor quality. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

A lift for RP . . .

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Executive Order that would supersede EO 255. The new EO should provide stiffer penalties. *(See story below.)*

"There are local radio stations that do not play OPM at all," Del Rosario said. "If the state of local recording improves, this means that our live entertainment scene would also flourish."

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3 HARRY POTTER 4
11:00 2:10 5:20 8:30

4 HARRY POTTER 4
1:00 4:10 7:20 10:30

5 HARRY POTTER 4
11:30 2:40 5:50 9:00

6 FLIGHTPLAN
12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50

7 ILUSYON
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

8 THE LEGEND OF ZORRO 2
1:25 4:10 6:55 9:40

9 CRY_WOLF
12:40 2:55 5:10 7:25 9:40

10 FOUR BROTHERS
12:20 2:45 5:10 7:35 10:00

ERMITA (536-7608 to 14)

1 HARRY POTTER 4
11:00 2:20 5:40 9:00

2 DOMINO
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00

3 THE LEGEND OF ZORRO 2
12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 9:50

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5 FLIGHTPLAN
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6 HARRY POTTER 4
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7 HARRY POTTER 4
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METRO EAST (662-8193; 662-8199)

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1:30 4:00 6:00 9:00

2 HARRY POTTER 4
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3 HARRY POTTER 4
3:55 7:05

4 FLIGHTPLAN
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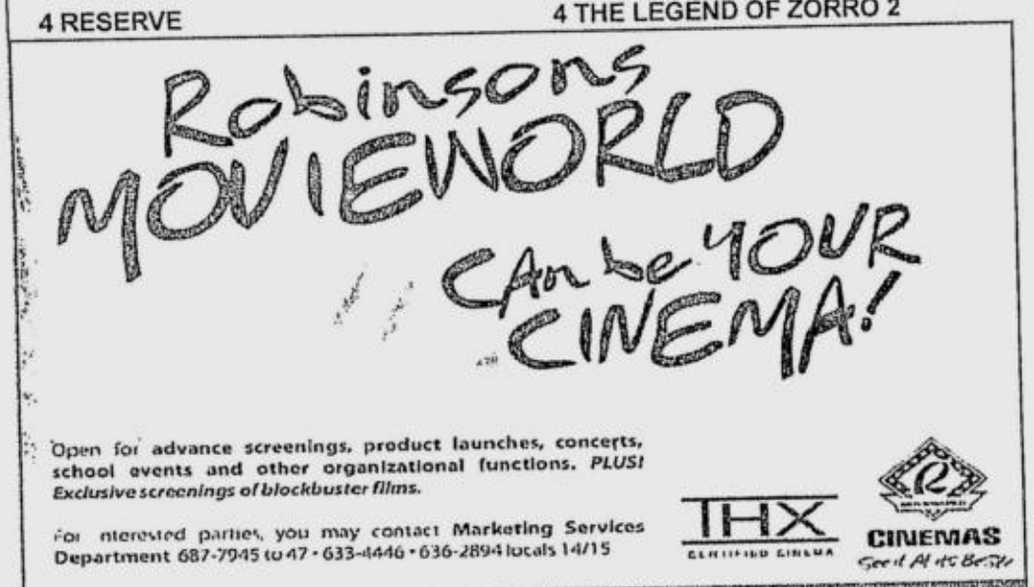

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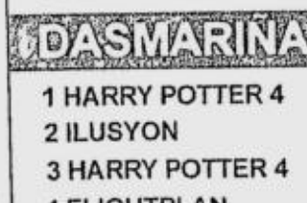

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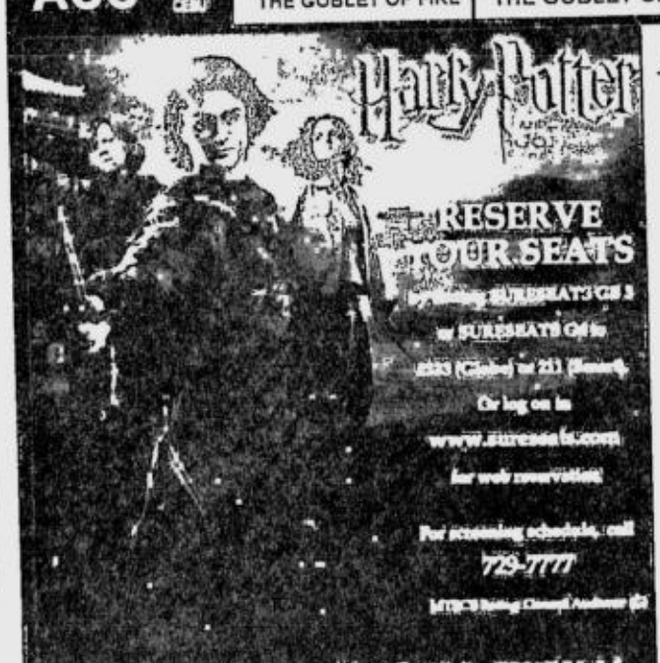

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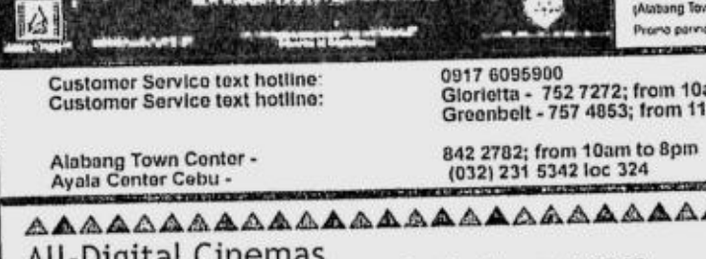

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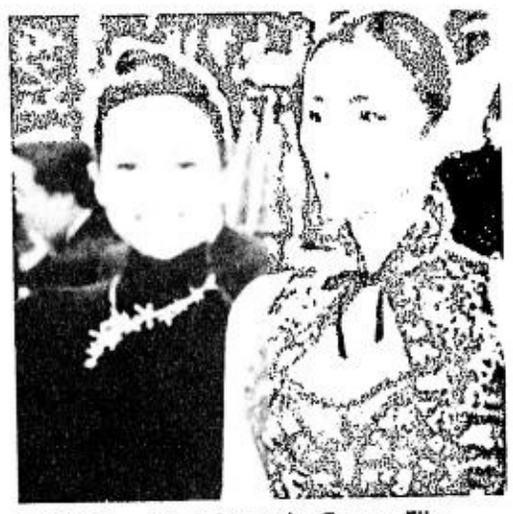
ZHANG at the press con; in the background, a kimono that she wears in the movie.

'Memoirs' makes Ziyi Zhang cry

LOS ANGELES—WHILE TALKING to **Ziyi Zhang** recently, I was reminded of Ate Vi.

Vilma Santos is bright, pretty and a good actress like Ziyi. Had Ate Vi gotten the same breaks that Ziyi is now enjoying, would **Nora Aunor**'s arch rival be enjoying international stardom, too?

Just a year ago, the Chinese actress struggled with her English and in fact relied on an interpreter when she spoke to us. But this morning, there was no one beside Ziyi—she spoke straight English, only occasionally pausing until the correct word came to her mind. That was only one of the few instances when Ziyi's poise was charmingly cast aside: she quickly and lightly bit a finger and crinkled her nose. She looked especially lovely when she smiled.



WITH Gong Li, right, at the Cannes Film Festival 2004

Dreams of RP visit

Last time Ziyi and I talked, she told me she wanted to visit the Philippines, particularly Cebu. On this morning, the star of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" sighed and said she has been so busy that this trip to the Philippines remains a dream.

In this press con for the visually stunning "Memoirs of a Geisha," in which Ziyi plays the title role, Sony Pictures went all out to evoke the film's setting. Tons of sand were brought inside Four Seasons' ballroom and raked into patterns to create an instant Zen garden. A pagoda sat in the middle, surrounded by bonsai trees, lamps and headless mannequins in the lavish kimonos from the movie, bonsai trees and lamps. Lights were dimmed and **John Williams**' inspired score ("The Chairman's Waltz," featuring **Itzhak Perlman** and his violin, is my favorite) wafted in the air—before the interviews began, of course.

Before Ziyi, we first had **Rob Marshall**, who directed the Oscar Best Picture-winning "Chicago," and had to fend off the inevitable question: why cast a Chinese actress to play the Japanese Sayuri in this movie version of Arthur Golden's bestselling novel? (Two other Chinese actresses, **Gong Li** and **Michelle Yeoh**, also play Japanese women in the film co-produced by **Steven Spielberg**.)

Rob appeared ready for that, as he calmly explained: "I have a philosophy about casting that has pretty much followed me throughout my career. It's very simple—you cast the best person for the role. It was what led me to cast **Queen Latifah** in 'Chicago.' Many people said there wouldn't be an African-American matron of a jail in Chicago in the '20s. But to me she embodied that character.

"In Ziyi's case, we looked at women from around the world. The role of Sayuri was a tall order. We had to find a woman who could play 15 to 35, speak English, a great actress since this character has to project a great spirit underneath the kimono. She had to be a brilliant dancer because not only did she have a couple of dance sequences in the movie—in six weeks, she had to learn how to be a geisha on film. It takes a lifetime to learn how to be a geisha but we had to approximate that on film so I knew I needed a dancer. I also needed a great beauty. My job was to find that person, the actor in the world who can bring this character to life. When I met Ziyi, [I knew] she was Sayuri."

When Rob was asked to compare Ziyi with **Gong Li**, who plays Hatsumomo, an older geisha jealous of Sayuri, he hinted at life-imitating-art issues between the two Asian actresses (a pair of stars, **Catherine Zeta-Jones** and **Renée Zellweger** also anchored "Chicago"). "It was interesting," he began. "When I first sat down with Ziyi, she said to me that they called her the new Gong Li. I think she was 24 (she is now 26) when I met her and I understood what she meant because to me, Gong Li is probably one of the greatest actors in the world bar none, on every level. I experienced it and let me tell you, it is astonishing to work with her. I've never seen anything quite like it.

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Ziyi also has that fire, presence and skill.

"So it was very interesting to see them work together. I think there were some private issues that obviously I had known about. But there was such a challenge in front of us that thank God, it was all about the work. Everybody was working so hard because the challenges were enormous. We became a company and Li and Ziyi were so supportive of each other. It was fantastic. One of the things that was also helpful was that the territory of their roles didn't cross over. Hatsumomo had her own world that she was creating and Sayuri has a completely different path in the movie."

Rob laughed when he recounted, "The most important thing to me after 'Chicago' was to do something completely different. Well, I was in Kyoto and we were underneath the stage at a school/theatre. They were showing us how a lift came out of the floor and, of course, all I could think of was Catherine Zeta-Jones coming out of the floor and all that jazz. I thought to myself, I've come halfway across the world and I am still doing a movie about two rival women in show business (laughter). That just hit me and I thought, oh, Lord, what's wrong with me?"

Gracious about Gong Li

Ziyi was gracious when asked about working with Gong Li: "I've always wanted to work with Gong Li because she is so gorgeous. She's the best, best actress. Even when I was very young, I would watch her movies. But unfortunately, we didn't have so many scenes together. Yesterday after I watched the movie, I called her. I said, 'Congratulations. I saw the movie. You did a fantastic job.' She said, 'We really should make another movie together because we have chemistry.' I am sure we can do a very good movie. It's funny—when my first movie came out, people compared Li and me. They said I was the little Gong Li and they called me that for quite a while."

When Ziyi talked about the reports that there was a lot of crying among the actresses on the set, perhaps because of the script's emotional tug, she choked with emotion, too, as she replied. "Last night, I saw the movie for the first time. I cried at the end. I felt like I went back into my character. In the movie there are so many scenes where I could cry out but I thought about who she is. She didn't want anyone to see her sadness. In the movie, I cried but I didn't want to show it too much because the Japanese hide their emotions. I usually held my tears until Rob said cut. I go to a corner and I just let it out..." Ziyi bit her lips, trying not to be overcome by emotion but her tears rolled down, and momentarily, she was Sayuri again, touched by her own memoirs.

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Tales of triumph over adversity

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

ONE WAS A SIDEWALK VENDOR from Leyte who was forced to quit because she met an accident. The other, a battered wife from Negros Occidental with four young children and another one on the way.

Meet Imelda Brutas of Palo, Leyte, and Virginia N. Borde of Bago City, Negros Occidental, who, through grit, determination to provide a better life for their family and help from microfinance institutions who took a chance on these unschooled but hardworking Filipino women, now have their own thriving enterprises that rescued them from the claws of poverty.

Their efforts won the admiration of their neighbors, relatives and customers, and recognition as this year's national winners of the Citibank Microentrepreneur of the Year awards.

Minda's delicacies

Brutas has been selling native Leyte products such as binagol, moron and sagmani for over 10 years, to help her husband put food on the table for her six children.

She would take the jeep to Dagami, where the delicacies are prepared, as early as 3 in the morning to get goods she will sell along sidewalks in the capital of Tacloban City.

She was forced to stop in 2003, however, when a car collided with the jeep she was riding in, leaving her with bruises and slight paralysis to the right side of her face.

Her traveling days were over.

She could not afford to be idle, however, thus she decided to cook the delicacies herself in her small house in Palo, guided by her knowledge gained from long years of observing her suppliers prepare the popular specialties.

She got her first loan of P20,000 from the Rural Bank of Dulag Inc. to buy her first equipment, such as a makeshift oven and rice grinder to make moron and tarts. As business grew, she included binagol and sagmani.

"I just applied what I observed from my suppliers and I asked a lot of questions," Brutas said in Waray, the dialect spoken in most of Leyte and all of Samar. "I learned through trial and error."

Eventually, she came up with her own recipes and sold her own binagol, sagmani, tarts and moron that not only tasted better, but lasted longer.

VIRGINIA N. Borde, Citigrooup 2005 Microentrepreneur of the Year, Maunlad category.

She not only supervised cooking, she was also her best salesperson.

She said it gave her such a feeling of satisfaction whenever she handed out her first business cards to customers whom she knew were sending her products abroad. They became loyal customers.

As business grew, so did her products. She hired people from the place where a particular delicacy is made to assure the best formulation for her products, and she personally attends to the sourcing of the raw materials, such as "talyan" for her binagol.

"Quality must be a priority," she said.

Today, she takes care of 23 people and they usually get more from her than they do in their hometown. Together, they sell as much as P3.5 million worth of products a year that provide her an income of P900,000 a year. She also paid off all her loans from the bank.

She supplies retailers in Tacloban City and ships her products to a wholesaler in Cebu, which in turn distributes them to retail shops including SM City Cebu.

It was not so long ago that she could not even get the P10,000 her mother needed for an operation.

Now, she is optimistic that all of her six children will finish school, unlike her who only managed to reach 2nd year high school. She proudly adds that she now owns her own house and the land where production is done.

The family even has a tricycle which Brutas' husband uses to ferry passengers and add to the family income.

It still surprises her to think how far she has come from her sidewalk vendor days.

"This is all a blessing," she said. "I still pray for my business. I pray that I will sell every time I leave the house because many people depend on me," she said.

Nanay Bebing's equipment

Nanay Bebing Borde went through so many trials it's a wonder she was able to rise above them all.

Borde was mentally, physically and emotionally abused by her husband, who eventually left her with four young children and one more on the way.

Determined to show her husband's family that she could fend for herself, she took all sorts of odd jobs to feed her children and her new husband, who had polio.

Since she did not finish school, she had no chance of getting herself a job. She had to rely on her own wits and business acumen.

She started with a lamination business but it did not work. She then went into fish vending and sari-sari store operation, which was started with a P5,000 loan from the Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation Inc. under Project Dungganon.

That worked for a while but she stopped after somebody threw broken bottles at her. She suspects it was one of her competitors who was envious of her growing business.

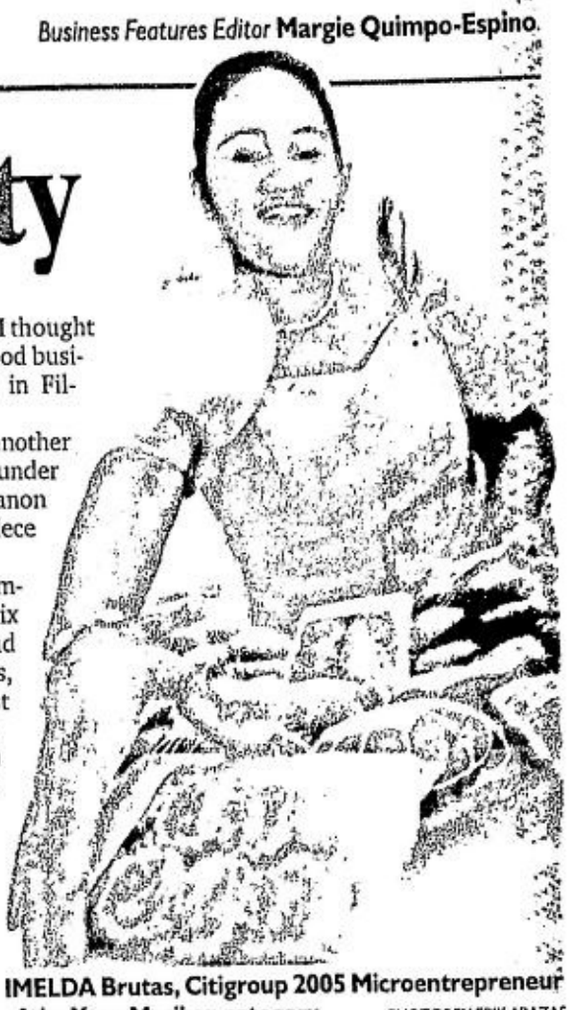
Then, she hit upon the idea of renting out agricultural equipment.

"I would pass by rice fields and I noticed that people were always looking for agricultural equipment like tractors. I thought it would make a good business," Borde said in Filipino.

She took out another loan of P10,000 under Project Dungganon and got her first piece of equipment.

Today, she employs 21 people, six of whom are hand tractor operators, and the rest thresher laborers.

She shares 40 percent of her earnings with the workers, and uses the rest for other expenses such as gasoline and maintenance.



IMELDA Brutas, Citigroup 2005 Microentrepreneur of the Year, Masikap category PHOTOS BY ERIK ARAZAS

She charges rent of P2,200 a hectare, the lowest in the community, and this includes plowing, harrowing and land leveling to prepare the field for rice seeding or transplanting.

Borde also gets 10 percent of the rice total produced by the farms that rent her equipment, which she then sells in the market.

She earns P337,500 a year from the rice and another P600,000 from the rent. She reinvests as much as 70 percent of her income and is now a proud owner of her own truck, a 0.5-hectare piece of land for sugarcane farming and has ventured into buying sugarcane.

It's been a long journey and memories of her bitter past continue to spur her to do greater things for her and her family.

Borde still recalls how she and her family lived in a rickety house along the riverbank that had packed earth for a floor. They lived on lugaw alone as they could not afford even sugar to make the rice taste a little better.

"We don't eat lugaw anymore. We can now eat the real rice," Borde says.

Borde credits part of her success to the money lent her by NWTF, which took a chance on her. She did not have any collateral, just the promise that she would pay up.

She is such a believer in the power of credit that she even goes around the community to encourage other women to join Project Dungganon.

Borde tells them that all they really need to rise above poverty is to never give up on their dreams of a better life.

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Merit incentive system propels co-op to progress

By Juan Escandor Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BAAO, CAMARINES SUR—FOR 26 years, the Baao Parish Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BPMPC) here remained just one of the small enterprises in Bicol, struggling to keep itself in existence since its founding on Aug. 26, 1963.

Things started to change in 1989 when its assets reached P1 million.

Originally registered as the Baao Parish Cooperative Credit Union Inc. with 50 members and P1,193 in paid-up capital, the BPMPC got over the hump when key cooperative officers decided to seriously discuss what hindered their progress.

Antonio Buena, 67, a member of the board of directors and whose mother Estifania (now deceased) was an original member of the cooperative's core group, recalled that they could only lend their members twice the amount of their contributions, even as the organization continued to survive.

Buena said it was obvious that the cooperative could still improve even after having reached P1 million in assets. The organizational dynamics was static with very limited participation from the members.

He said the co-op's board sought a solution to the dormancy and eventually decided to revitalize important committees and its management and administrative aspects.

He said it took them at least three years to implement the changes until 1991, when they registered under the new cooperative law and decided to apply for a P350,000 loan from the Department of Trade and Industry to pump-prime their operations.

But Buena said the real turning point was when the board decided to hire a new cooperative general manager in 1993.

The cooperative hired Jullete Alcuin, who introduced new strategies to mobilize members.

Alcuin said she introduced and instituted systems to efficiently carry out the co-op's mission of providing its members accessible lending services.

She said majority of co-op members then were farmers, small vendors, storeowners and backyard hog raisers in Baao. Others were wage earners.

She recalled that they had to reduce payment delinquency that weighed down the cooperative.

After two years, Alcuin and the seven-member board finally found a solution to cut the delinquency problem from 50

MERIT INCENTIVE/ B3

Teacher wannabe finds hope in heavy machinery

ALL HER LIFE, JOVELYN DEL ROSARIO wanted to be a schoolteacher to help her poor parents make ends meet.

She never thought, however, that her journey to achieve that dream would mean putting on a hard hat, working a drill press, and handling heavy machinery.

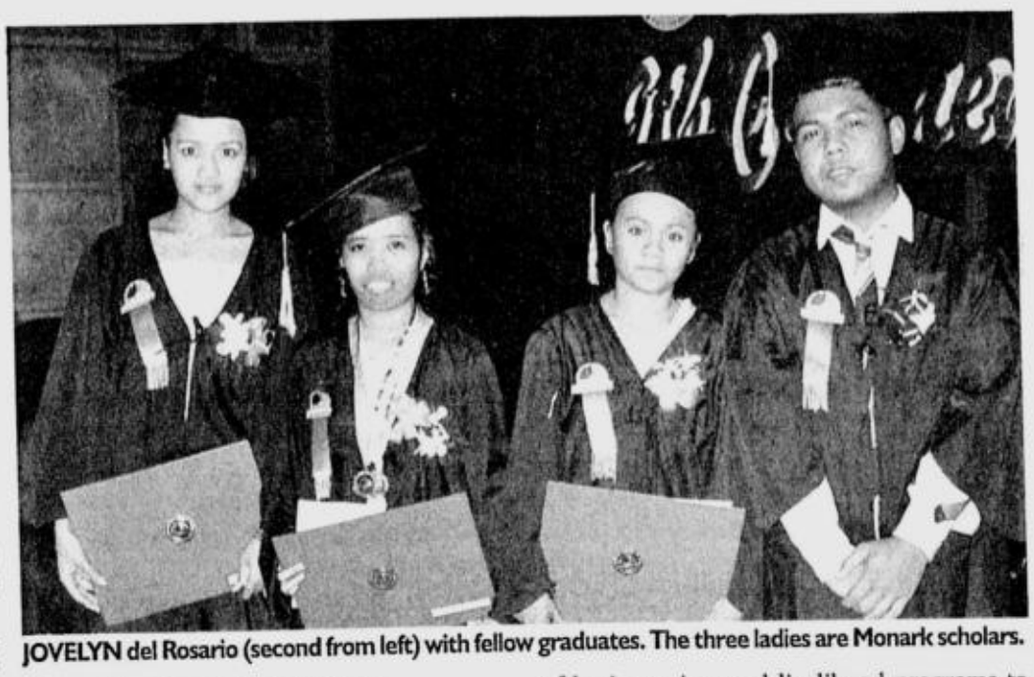
Like other girls her age, 23-year-old Jovelyn del Rosario was looking forward to life in college right after getting her high school diploma.

She had to take an alternate route though, since her parents did not have enough money to send their first-born child to college.

Her father, Romeo, had to give up tricycle driving after suffering a stroke. He now scavenges through other people's garbage. Jovelyn's mother, Flaviana, is a *carinderia* helper.

"My parents could not afford to send me to college so they advised me to look for a job first," Jovelyn said in Filipino.

The day she decided to try her luck at the competitive job market, a program officer from nongovernment organization Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) encouraged her to apply for a scholarship with the Monark Equipment Corp. for out-of-school youth.



JOVELYN del Rosario (second from left) with fellow graduates. The three ladies are Monark scholars.

Vocational course

Some two and a half years later, Jovelyn, along with three other scholar beneficiaries, are proud graduates of a heavy equipment and automotive mechanics vocational course.

Despite grinding through what is perceived as a field reserved only to men, Jovelyn was among the top of her class.

She finished electronics technology with honors and was recognized during the Monark Foundation Technical Institute (MFTI) commencement ceremonies last October.

MFTI is accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Under the program, the four scholars completed seven trimesters under the Dual Technology System (DTS) adopted from Germany.

DTS ensures a student's first two semesters of training under a "subsidized scheme."

"My friends, my neighbors teased me that I was too small for heavy work. They really put me down. But now I am so happy. I feel like a very strong person because I was able to make it," said Jovelyn.

While they were studying in MFTI, Jovelyn and her co-beneficiaries were awarded with scholarship and technical training subsidies.

With an initial 13 scholars, only four graduated. Many of them were forced to drop out from the course because of the need to put food in the table and providing basic necessities could no longer be postponed.

She recounted one incident where she thought she would have lost her hand.

"I was on night shift and got a little sleepy. My hand slipped while I was getting a product. Rocks from a grinding machine smashed into my fingers. Fortunately, I still had the presence of mind to turn off the equipment," she said.

The petite, 4'11 Jovelyn admitted that she also almost gave up during the course.

More than the physical demands of the training, she really needed to be good at making sure every penny of her allowance was wisely spent.

"We always had *tuyo* for our meals because we had to budget our allowance for the boarding house rental, food and transportation every month. I even shared the money with my parents to help send my other siblings to school," recalled Jovelyn of her on-the-job training experience at Philippine Nagano Seiko Inc. (PNSI) in Cavite.

The scholarship grant awarded to Jovelyn and three others was a partnership between Monark and PBSP under the Strategic Private Sector Partnerships for Urban Poverty Reduction Program (STEP-UP).

Step-Up

STEP-UP is funded by Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JPFR) under the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

More than just a housing project, STEP-UP employs an innovative integrated urban development approach.

It focuses on bringing the business sector, local government units and nongovernment organizations together to address the delivery of basic services and livelihood programs to marginalized communities.

"I hope this will help in livelihood generation because giving families good employment will really sustain our development in STEP-UP," said Jose Antonio Banson, Monark president and CEO and PBSP trustee.

"It is important that [the youth] become productive members in the STEP-UP communities because we have a holistic approach in improving housing, infrastructure and giving livelihood to both parents and the youth. That way, the slum areas will indeed rise above poverty," Banson added.

CSR project

Monark, a Filipino-owned family company, is the exclusive distributor in the Philippines of Caterpillar heavy equipment used for construction and excavation. Its corporate responsibility is mainly expressed through MFTI and its membership to PBSP.

Being a major player in the construction industry, Monark assists their scholars in securing jobs in their partner companies.

Jovelyn now has a standing offer from PNSI. She was told to go back to PNSI after finishing her remaining OJT hours. Meanwhile, two of her fellow scholars were already hired by Monark.

The once-shy Jovelyn is now eager to make a difference for her family. She is excited to get a shot at finally having her heartfelt desire become a reality.

"I will not stop here. I still plan to work on my dream of becoming a teacher. The scholarship gave me a chance to get a good job, which I hope will eventually let me realize my dream," Jovelyn said.

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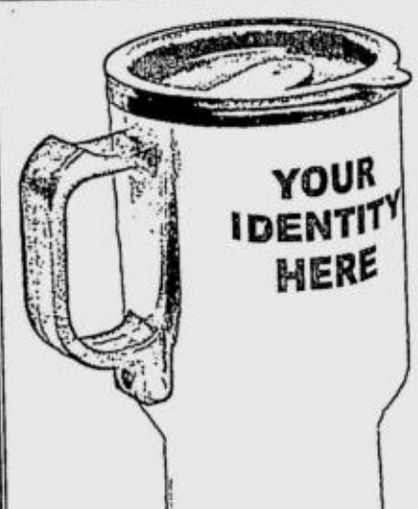

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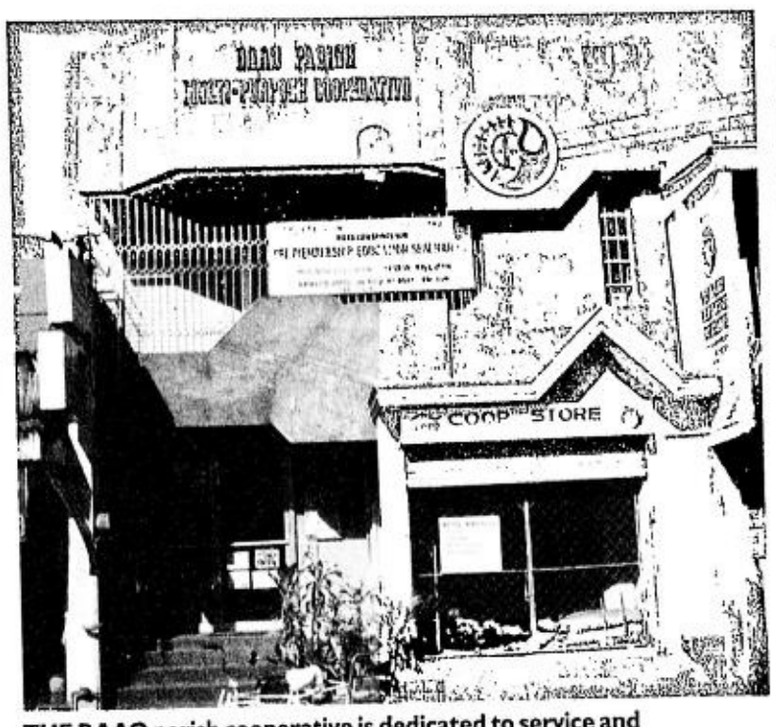

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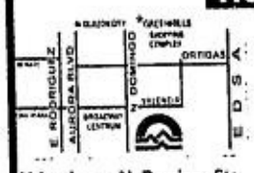

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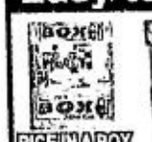
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Merit incentive . . .

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percent to 26 percent.

Buena said Alcuin presented a classification system of regular cooperative members based on merit incentives.

From then on, BPMPC members were ranked AAA, AA, A, B, C and D according to their credit worthiness.

AAA members to B members enjoy loan accessibility privileges with no comakers required and are eligible to become officers.

AAA members are those who have been with the cooperative for at least five years, with share capital of not less than P15,000 and with an average active deposit account balance of P1,500.

The privileges provided narrow as the classification slips to B—those who have been members for two years, share capital of at least P5,000 and an average savings deposit balance of P600 or more.

The "B"-ranked members can receive their loans a day after approval of the application.

Buena said the results of the merit incentive system classification have been remarkable in terms of commitment and participation of members in all co-op activities.

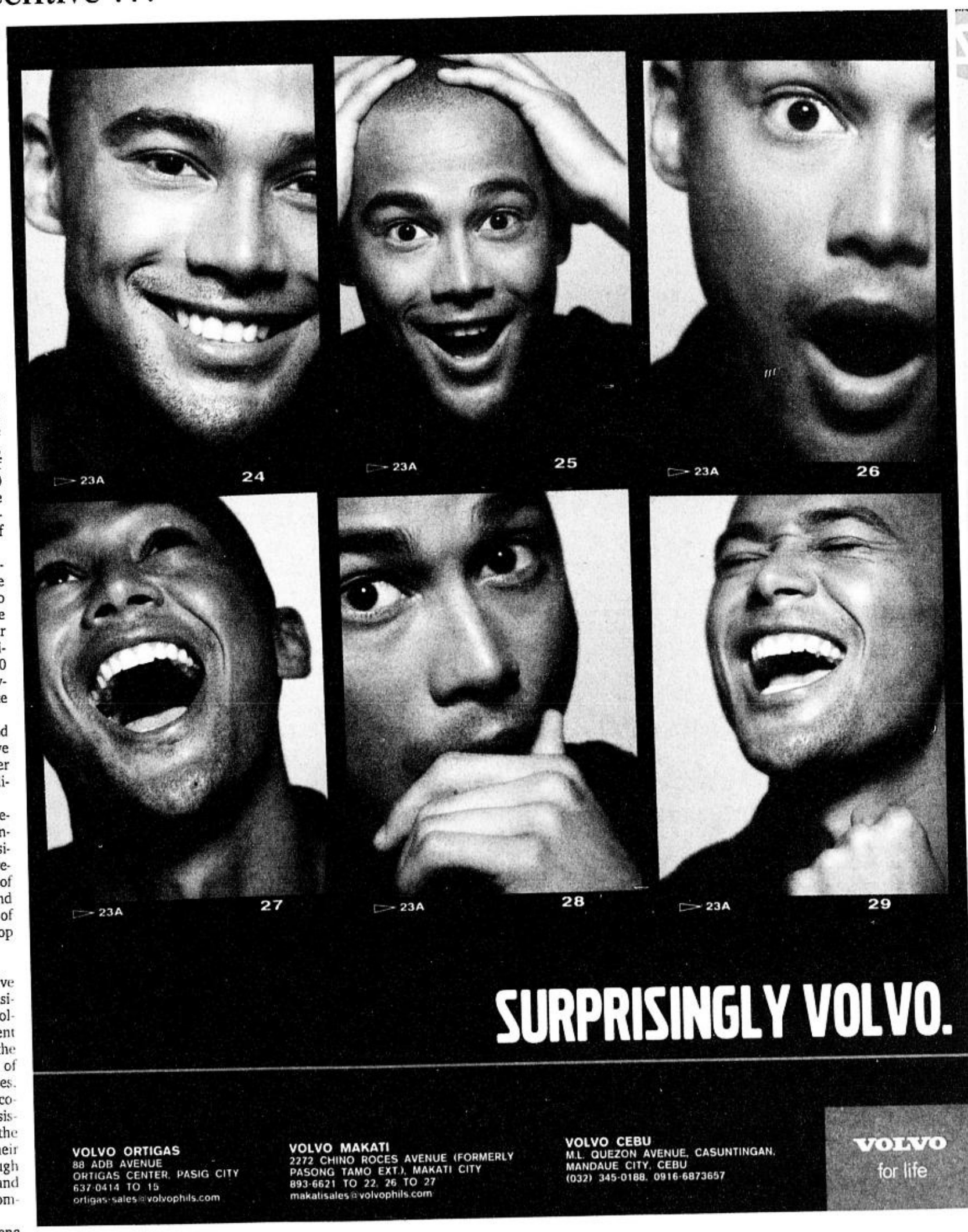
Complementing the merit incentive system is an intensified campaign to collect on delinquent members, with the cooperation of barangay authorities. At the same time, co-op officers consistently remind the members of their obligations through text messaging and other forms of communication.

Since then, Buena said members' attendance in all cooperative activities ceased to be a problem.

During a general membership meeting, they could get a 98-percent attendance level from the existing 3,503 members, he said.

Buena said the BPMPC board and the management remain dedicated to the basic cooperative principles of service, transparency, democratic participation and decision-making processes.

He said that even as the cooperative has grown from the original paid-up capital of P1,193 in 1963 to P43 million at present, the salaries of the employees are kept at a minimum and the board members are only provided with honoraria of P800 each.



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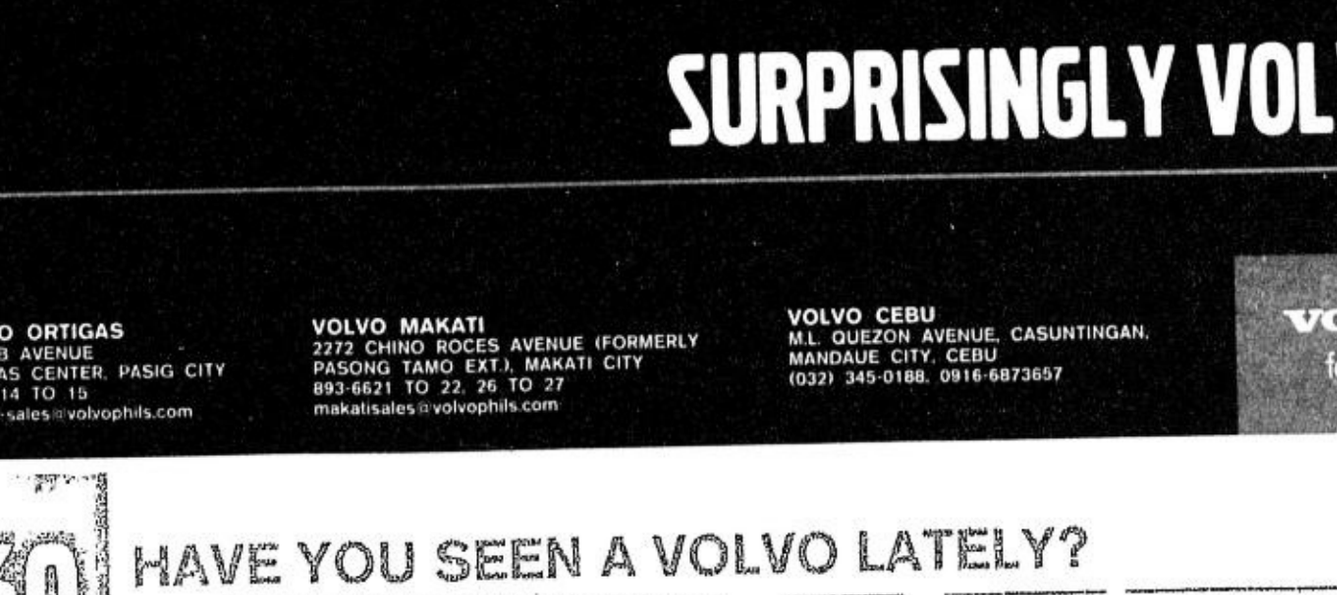

Stare at the Volvo S60 T5. It's definitely a sight to behold, as how its sleek and stylish visage puts it. Step inside. Find yourself in greater astonishment as you floor the accelerator and let the 257 bhp, 5-cylinder high-pressured turbo engine surge you from 0 to 100 km/h in 6.9 seconds. With the 5-speed automatic driver-adaptive Geartronic™ transmission, the S60 T5 maneuvers beyond your expectations. Finally, let its finer features such as the Dolby Pro Logic Surround Sound System and Bi-Xenon headlamps echo your luxurious passion for mobility.

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S60 OOOHH'S & AAHH'S

The feel for driving varies from one person to another - the character of the driver against the vehicle he drives. Below are respected motoring journalists who took the S60 T5 for a test drive. Read through and be amazed at how each writer was pleasantly and surprisingly impressed after commanding the S60 T5.

"The winner 'displayed the best characteristics of a sporty luxury sedan, with performance and safety features that will satisfy even the most discriminating clientele.' That car is the Volvo S60 T5. Despite what the folks from the German luxury car manufacturer would say, Volvo is right up there when it comes to engineering and technological leadership, particularly in the area of safety. Luxury, as well as the level of creature comforts and amenities, is far from wanting. And that's even before you drop in a turbocharger that allows the T5 model to run away from competitors in price range."

MANNY DELOS REYES
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
SPEED MAGAZINE
CONTRIBUTOR, THE PHILIPPINE STAR

"It may probably be due to the engine or the software governing the front wheels (not a robotized central differential, 4-wheel drive etc.) but it must be the sheer brutality of the thing that made it head and shoulders above our favorites, the Impreza and Evo VIII. Influenced by the strong kick in the solar plexus, we truly felt that if power and excitement is what you want, like say a HEMI head muscle car, this is what you need."

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"The Volvo's new S60 T5 has a cleaner front end with standard HID and considerably more powerful 2.4 liter dohc 5-cylinder 20-valve engine with variable valve timing and 260 bhp. The drive is versatile. You can choose to cruise down avenues in style or fly through freeways like a speed-horny demon, either way the T5 performs fabulously. You end the drive feeling completely satisfied, not wanting more nor less, just grateful for having been treated so kindly by an automobile."

JOSE MARI UGARTE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
EVO MAGAZINE

CD-R KING went through three years of birth pains.

Low-cost CD-R a certified hit

By Joel V. Nigos

USING RECORDABLE COMPACT DISCS (CDs) as storage media has become the trend these days. Their affordable prices have made them accessible for everybody.

Since they come cheap (a CD-R can go for as low as P5 and has a capacity of 650-700 megabytes), using them has become the mode even for students and common folks.

Just five years ago, CD-Rs were very expensive at P200-P300 each—until a start-up company introduced to the public the use of low-priced recordable CDs.

CD-R King, once an obscure shop located along one of the streets of Quiapo, can be credited with having brought into the market low-priced blank CDs. Barely six years in the business, the company has now become a one-stop optical media shop and is reaping huge dividends for its efforts.

The company's products are being patronized by a large market. Proof of this is to try asking anyone who has stored his files—whether music, video or data—in recordable CDs, because chances are, he bought his blank CDs from CD-R King.

New product

Henry Ngo, CD-R King's general manager, shares that the road to the company's success in penetrating the mainstream market was not a well-paved one.

Recordable CDs were relatively new to the market and were not widely accepted by the public when they began to offer them in 1999. Consumers were even wary that what they were selling were poor quality merchandise, since they were sold at low prices.

To get their products moving, they offered them via credit and long repayment terms. They were sold wholesale and packaged in tubes or boxes which contained up to 500 CDs each. Computer shops in Virra Mall, Greenhills, and Quiapo were the company's first clients.

The arrangement worked for them for a time, until a large fire razed down shops in Virra Mall. Consequently, stall owners which bought CD-Rs from them were unable to pay up.

This made the company decide to sell CD-Rs on a retail basis. Selling blank CDs piecemeal is widely practiced in Taiwan, which, aside from the US and Singapore, are the countries from where they import their merchandise since day one.

Birth pains

But the birth pains for CD-R King seemed endless during their first three years, Ngo recalls.

Not once did they sue any of the branch managers who ran away with the day's sales. Since the CD-Rs are now being sold by retail, pilferage has also become a problem. And because CD-R King was still unknown to many, there were also instances where their shipments were confiscated by the police since their products were suspected of being pirated VCDs.

As the company confronted its birth pains, it has also started to gain a foothold among CD-R buyers.

"We sold our first CD-Rs at P22. At that price, we were already getting regular customers which sustained us during our early stages. When we noticed we had a growing market before us, we carried other low-priced CD-Rs, taking into consideration our customers purchasing power," shared Ngo.

And since they were now into retailing, Ngo realized they could no longer stay in Quiapo alone.

"We know we have to put up outlets in other places. In the next few years we opened one in Virra Mall, Ongpin and Goldcrest in Glorietta. By 2002, we opened another one in Virra Mall, then in Gilmore and in UST," he said.

Invading the malls

After the Ayala management noticed CD-R King was doing well in Goldcrest, they were allowed to put up a kiosk inside Glorietta. Other Ayala-owned malls followed suit, like the Pavilion Mall in Laguna, Alabang Town Center in Muntinlupa, Ayala Center in Cebu and Greenbelt 1.

The SM malls were their next target.

"Our first outlet in SM was in Megamall. Since it also did well, we were able to enter other SM malls even in the provinces. We now have one in Manila, Centerpoint, Fairview, Cebu, Davao, San Lazaro, Marilao, Pampanga, at The Podium, in Baguio by end-2005, Valenzuela and the Mall of Asia when it opens," he says.

Success factors

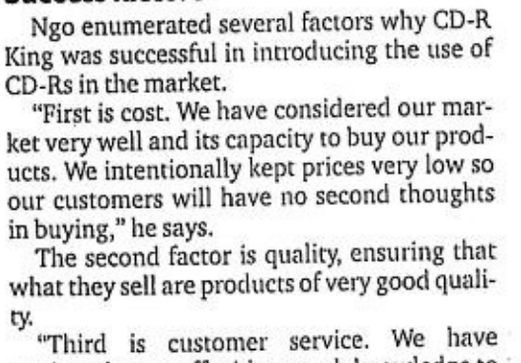
Ngo enumerated several factors why CD-R King was successful in introducing the use of CD-Rs in the market.

"First is cost. We have considered our market very well and its capacity to buy our products. We intentionally kept prices very low so our customers will have no second thoughts in buying," he says.

The second factor is quality, ensuring that what they sell are products of very good quality.

"Third is customer service. We have equipped our staff with enough knowledge to answer queries from clients. This is so because there are CD writers that are compatible with certain CD-R brands. We also have an exchange policy," he explains.

Growing pains notwithstanding, Ngo said he is thankful that their efforts have paid off. CD-R King is still the country's only store chain that sells recordable CDs and DVDs, high-technology optical media products and other accessories. It now has 35 branches nationwide and undoubtedly controls the recordable CD market with a market share of over 80 percent.



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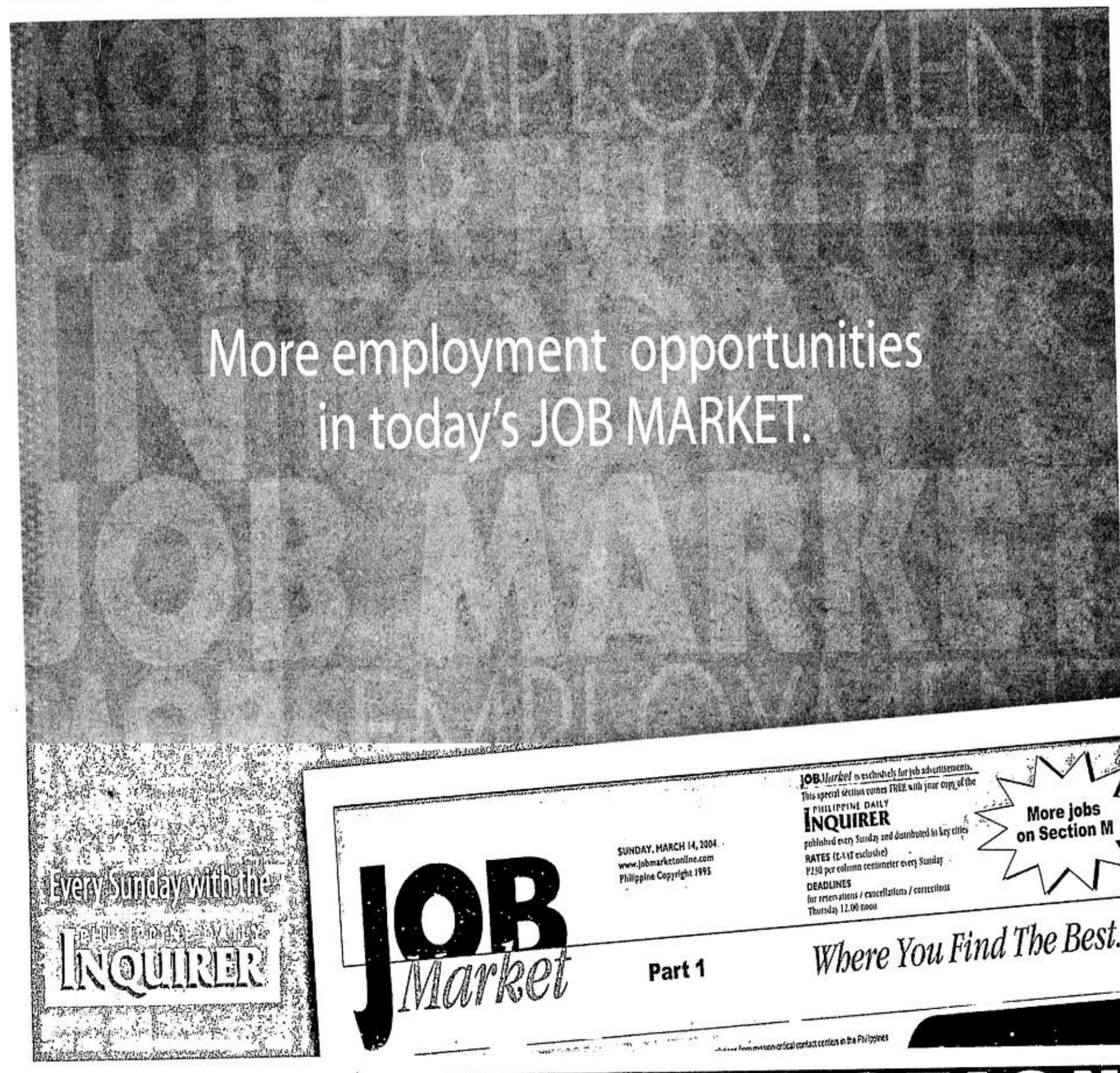

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LOT 14 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
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Lot 15 Blk 2 Seafront Subd., Baliwasan
Minimum Bid Price : 527,000.00

LOT 15 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 247 sqm. F.A.: 97 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 1 Seafront Subd., Baliwasan
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L2B17 Sutherville Subd., Brgy Baliwasan
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Lots 1 Blk 1 26-U Seafront Subd. Baliwasan
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L.A.: 387 sqm. F.A.: 134 sqm.
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L.A.: 462 sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 14 Sutervalle Subd Baliwasan
Minimum Bid Price : 259,000.00

LOT 24 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 450 sqm.
Lot 13 Blk 14 Sutherville Subd Baliwasan
Minimum Bid Price : 252,000.00

LOT 25 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 475 sqm.
Lot 16 Blk 14 Sutherville Subd Baliwasan
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LOT 26 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 489 sqm.
Lot 243-E-3 Int W row, Baliwasan Grande Road
Minimum Bid Price : 489,000.00

LOT 27 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 355 sqm. F.A.: 177 sqm.
Lot 501-B-3-D Islam Dr., Brgy Canelar
Minimum Bid Price : 893,000.00

LOT 28 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 761 sqm. F.A.: 405 sqm.
Lot 3-A-1 Apolinario Rd, Brgy. Guiwan
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LOT 29 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,000 sqm. F.A.: 459 sqm.
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L.A.: 6,531 sqm.
Lot 1199-C Brgy Kasanyangan
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LOT 31 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 307 sqm.
Lot 1-B Duston Dr., Brgy. Rio Hondo
Minimum Bid Price : 205,000.00

LOT 32 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 287 sqm. F.A.: 83 sqm.
Lot 1-C Duston Dr., Brgy. Rio Hondo
Minimum Bid Price : 415,000.00

LOT 33 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 515 sqm. F.A.: 363 sqm.
Lot 279-B-2-A Ata Dr., Johnston Road, Brgy San Jose, Gusu
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L.A.: 218 sqm. F.A.: 256 sqm.
Lot 96-A-2 Int Varela St., San Jose
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L.A.: 278 sqm. F.A.: 164 sqm.
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L.A.: 1,938 sqm. F.A.: 233 sqm.
Lot 6 Brgy. Teturan, Alvarez Drive Brgy. Sta. Catalina
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LOT 37 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 2,949 sqm. F.A.: 1,006 sqm.
Lots 5-B-2-A/ 5-A Dr. Evangelista St. Sta. Catalina
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LOT 38 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 532 sqm. F.A.: 231 sqm.
Lot 1810-H Montajo Dr., Villa Sta Maria, Sta. Maria Subd.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,062,000.00

LOT 39 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 88 sqm. F.A.: 106 sqm.
Lot 535-E-1-A-1 Alfonso Drive, Gov Ramos Ave., Sta Maria
Minimum Bid Price : 279,000.00

LOT 40 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 226 sqm. F.A.: 109 sqm.
Gov. Ramos, Sta Maria
Minimum Bid Price : 647,000.00

LOT 41 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 412 sqm. F.A.: 134 sqm.
L2B3 633 Azucena St. Sutherville
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LOT 42 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,267 sqm.
Lot 52-A-8 Interior, Brgy. Talon-Talon
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LOT 43 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 383 sqm. F.A.: 109 sqm.
Lot 44-A-16, # 236 Salazar Subd., Brgy. Talon-Talon
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L.A.: 383 sqm. F.A.: 175 sqm.
Lot 44-A-8 Salazar Salazar Subd., Brgy Talon-Talon
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LOT 45 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 239 sqm.
Lot 1032-A-2-B Int. of Brgy. Tetuan
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LOT 46 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 256 sqm. F.A.: 101 sqm.
Lot 1343-X subd. Road, Brgy. Tetuan
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LOT 47 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,800 sqm. F.A.: 102 sqm.
Lot 389-D-2-B Brgy. Tugbungan
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LOT 48 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,107 sqm. F.A.: 434 sqm.
Lots 26-D-6 & 3-B Alvarez Compound (Thru Pilar Street), Brgy Zone IV
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9432, Municipal Road, Katipunan
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LOT 50 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 951 sqm.
2861, Undeveloped Subd. Road, Aguinaldo
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LOT 51 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 949 sqm.
2859, Undeveloped Subd. Road, Aguinaldo
Minimum Bid Price : 65,000.00

LOT 52 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 950 sqm.
Lot 2722 Apolinario St.
Minimum Bid Price : 81,000.00

LOT 53 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 962 sqm.
Lot 2708 Apolinario
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LOT 54 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 946 sqm.
Lot 2746 Bonifacio St., Quirino St.
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LOT 55 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 920 sqm.
Lot 2479 Del Pilar St.
Minimum Bid Price : 74,000.00

LOT 56 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 954 sqm.
Lot 2907
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LOT 57 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 940 sqm.
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L.A.: 956 sqm.
Lot 2968 Provincial Road
Minimum Bid Price : 82,000.00

LOT 59 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 573 sqm.
Lot 2622 Road
Minimum Bid Price : 29,000.00

LOT 60 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 943 sqm.
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L.A.: 938 sqm.
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Lot 2501 Quezon St.
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Lot 2452 Quezon St.
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LOT 66 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
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Lot 2644 Quezon St.
Minimum Bid Price : 76,000.00

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L.A.: 951 sqm.
Lot 2681 Rizal St.
Minimum Bid Price : 81,000.00

LOT 68 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 949 sqm.
Lot 2656 Rizal St.
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LOT 69 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
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LOT 72 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 941 sqm.
Lot 2591 Undeveloped Road, Naga Residential Site
Minimum Bid Price : 80,000.00

LOT 73 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 956 sqm.
Lot 2664 Road Undeveloped, Naga Residential Site
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Lot No. 11-E-1-B Purok Riverside, Salip Yasin
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Lot 1-X-1 Riverside, Salip Yasin
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LOT 77 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
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11-K-14 Undeveloped Subd. Road, Salip Yasin
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Sagada, Kabayan women keep on weaving

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generation. The traditional designs have been maintained so part of our culture, and the industry itself, will not die," Pili said.

Woven blankets carry the striped design that in the earlier days was used to distinguish social classes among the Ibaloi.

Pili said ordinary Ibaloi used blankets featuring red, black and white stripes while blankets featuring green or yellow lining are used by the rich, especially during peshit (feasts).

From the woven blanket, local weavers started to produce tapis (skirts) and G-strings, bags (retails for an average of P300 each), table runners, placemats, scarves (P100), shawls (P200), pillowcases and even mobile phone cases (P30).

Women entrepreneurs

Pili said Kabayan Weaving's products are sold in some outlets in Metro Manila and Nueva Vizcaya. She said some items have been exported to Poland.

Pili and other local weavers used to manufacture and market their products through an association.

But in 1973, she saw the potential of establishing her own shop and put up the Kabayan Weaving Arts and Crafts with an initial capital of P20,000.

Aside from her shop, Pili said there were three other weaving shops put up in this town by women entrepreneurs.

"We always help each other by supplying each other's products when the demand is high," Pili said.

She said her shop earns an average monthly net income of between P60,000 and P70,000.

Like Pili, Aranduque has been nurturing the art of weaving in Sagada with the help of skilled women weavers, some of them widows and single mothers, in the town.

Aranduque's Sagada Weaving has become synonymous with quality and fine craftsmanship.

The shop was established in 1968 when Aranduque's mother, Andrea, bought upright weaving looms in Mankayan, Benguet on installment.

When Aranduque joined her mother in the family business in 1975, they made sure that they would employ local women. She said that at that time, many women depended on weaving as a major source of income.

Happy tourists

Many tourists who visit the resort town of Sagada never fail to leave without buying an item or two from Sagada Weaving.

From its original six looms, Aranduque said they bought 18 more due to the demand for their products.

From traditional clothing and costumes like G-strings, wraparound skirts and blankets, Sagada Weaving has included bags of various styles, caps, table cloths, placemats, mobile phone cases, purses and wallets among its products.

Aranduque said they used geometric designs on their various products and remained faithful to the standard colors of black, white, yellow and green for their ethnic costumes.

She said their traditional design remained the top seller. But she said that they wanted to innovate and infuse other colors and style, such as the tie-dyed designs.

"Our design is an evolution of suggestion," Aranduque said.

Their backpacks and travel bags sell from P435 to P1,800, depending on the style and size. Purses cost P52 to P160.

Tourists are a big market.

"Before, locals did not appreciate our products. But it's different now and it's very heartening. Maybe, they realized that our products are as good as imported items or even better. We have learned to appreciate our own," Aranduque said.

Despite its position in the community, Sagada Weaving was put to a test with the entry of imported products.

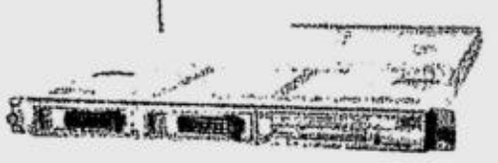
Aranduque said she almost considered closing the shop in 2000 when cheaper woven products from China, Pakistan and Thailand started to flood the local market.

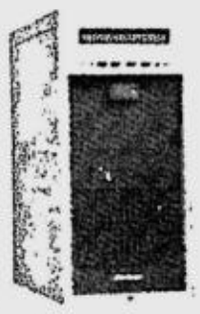
The shop, however, passed the test.

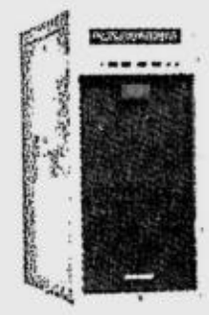
Now, Sagada Weaving has a stall at the SM City Baguio, which is managed and owned by one of Aranduque's children.

Aside from the woven products, Sagada Weaving's shops in Sagada and SM City Baguio feature souvenir items such as shirts, antique pieces and woodcarvings.

MAXECIA Pili, owner of Kabayan Weaving Arts and Crafts







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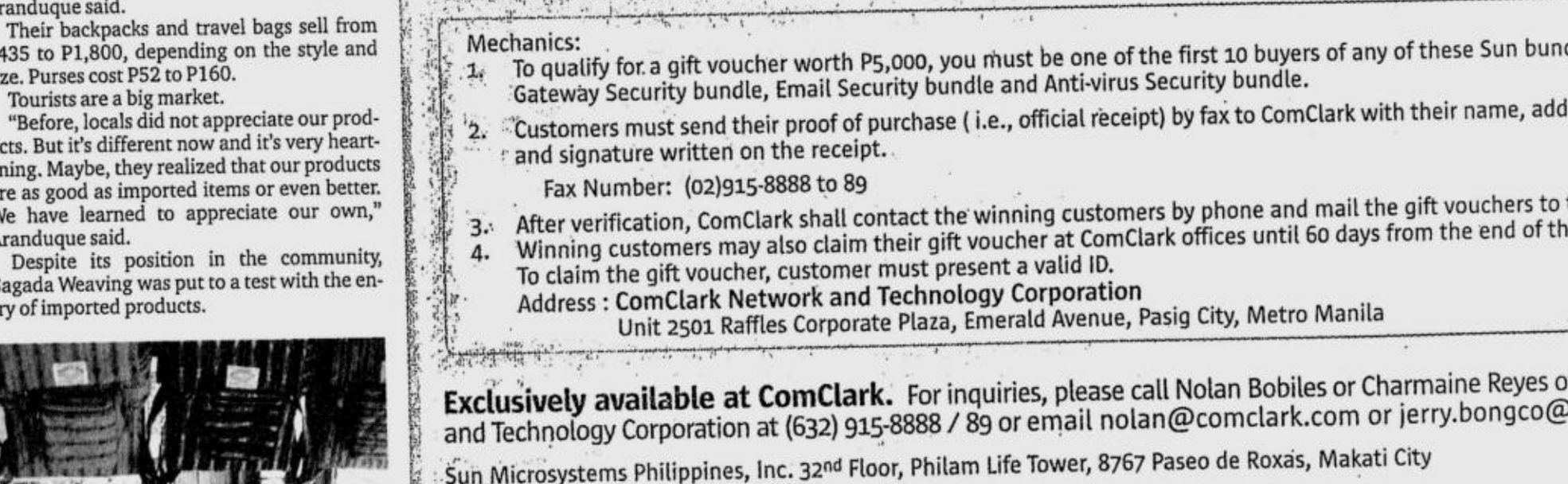

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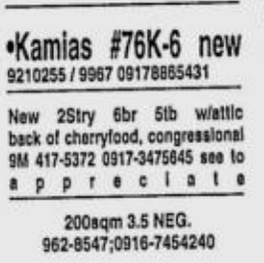

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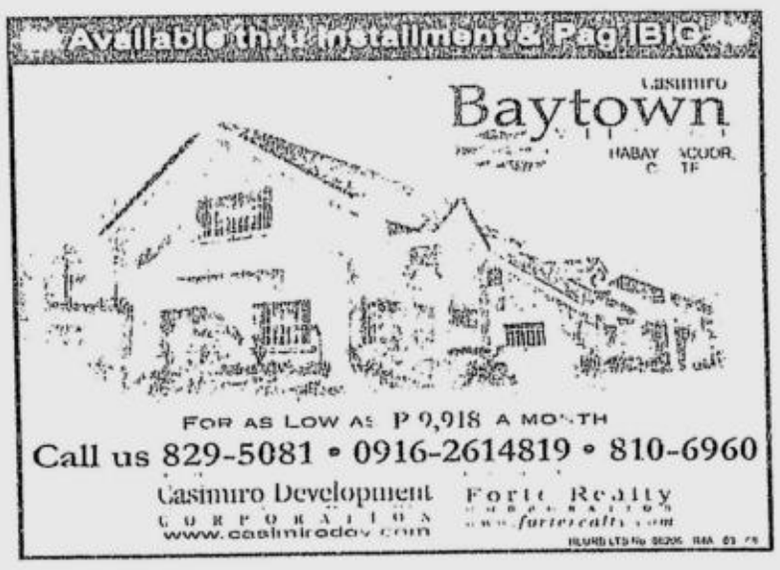

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Qualification Standards:
- Bachelor's degree in any Social Science course or related discipline, preferably with Master's Degree;
- With minimum 2 years experience on Community Development, preferably of foreign-assisted projects;
- Can write project reports, and possesses good verbal and written communication skills;
- Skilled in computer software operations, such as word processing, spreadsheet, and database software applications;
- Can provide skills enhancement training for Area Coordinating Teams of the Field Offices.

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- Can write project reports, and possesses good verbal and written communication skills;
- Skilled in computer software operations, such as word processing, spreadsheet, and database software applications;
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NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the Batanes State College formally and publicly announces that the **Search for Presidency** of the **BATANES STATE COLLEGE** is now open. Interested applicants and/or nominees are invited to send their formal applications to the Search Committee chaired by Atty. Lilia S. Garcia.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- Must be a Filipino citizen
- Preferably a holder of a doctoral degree
- Preferably between 40 to 60 years old but not more than 65 at the time of application
- Must be morally upright
- With Recognized leadership in his/her profession in the academe or industry
- With at least five (5) years of managerial/administrative experience

In addition to the above-mentioned qualifications, the applicants should make a full disclosure of all administrative, criminal, and/or civil cases filed in any court in the Philippines and are required to submit the following clearances:
- National Bureau of Investigation
- Sandiganbayan
- Civil Service Commission and/or Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case issued by the Administrative Officer of present employer
- Previous Employer

Formal application addressed to the Search Committee should be accompanied with:
- Detailed curriculum vitae and certified supporting documents
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Opening of Bids -- December 13, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

For further information, please call Mr. Alec C. Estoconing, Chief, Administrative Division at telephone No. 816-42-39.

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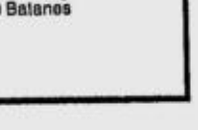
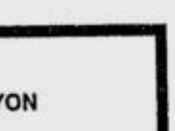

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Project : Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR)
Loan No. : Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI
Description of Works : Design, and construction of 728-units multi-storey socialized housing in Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, Manila

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for Punta Sta. Ana URA Project in Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, City of Manila
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract packages:

Contract Package	Design, Site Development and Construction of 728-Units Multi-Storey Socialized Housing Project
Contract No.	URA-MLA-02A
Location	Cardinal Sin Village, Punta Sta. Ana, Manila
Contract Duration	360 Calendar Days
Project Description	Design, site development and construction of 728-units multi-storey socialized housing which include the following items of work: architectural works, structural works, electrical works, carpentry works, painting works, sanitary/plumbing works, water supply, site work, site improvement and drainage work, among others.

3. Proposals will be accepted from licensed private contractors, GOP enterprises the majority of which is publicly-owned, and non-government organizations (NGOs) with demonstrated track record in the development of sustainable communities including social preparation, design and construction of socialized/low-cost housing units employing community-participation and post-relocation capability-building activities. Licensed private contractors and NGOs could submit proposals either as individual bidders, individual bidders with subcontractors or as joint ventures. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (B) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase complete set of Bidding Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 10,500.00	From Nov. 29 to Dec. 06 2005	From 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2/F MWSS Engineering Bldg., Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	From Nov. 29 to Dec. 06, 2005	From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Site Inspection	Dec. 13, 2005	10:00 a.m.	Cardinal Sin Village, Punta, Sta. Ana, City of Manila
Pre-Bid Conference	Dec. 13, 2005	2:00 p.m.	PRRC, 2/F MWSS Engineering Bldg., Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Deadline for Submission of Bids	Feb. 03, 2006	10:00 a.m.	PRRC, 2/F MWSS Engineering Bldg., Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Opening of Bids	Feb. 03, 2006	10:30 a.m.	PRRC, 2/F MWSS Engineering Bldg., Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City

4. The PRRC shall be the implementing agency of the Project.
5. Bidding (Eligibility Check/Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the *"Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers"* pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," to the extent it is consistent with Asian Development Bank's procedures.
6. PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ**
Executive Director

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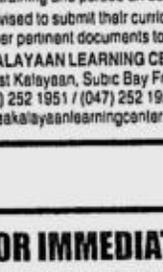

Notice is hereby given to the public that RODOLFO U. LUTERA, JR., whose picture appears above, is no longer an employee of PARAMOUNT LIFE & GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION - Masbate Extension Office, with office address, 2nd Floor, Grajeda Building, Domingo Street, Masbate City effective September 7, 2005. Any transaction entered into with MR. RODOLFO LUTERA, JR. will not be honored by PARAMOUNT LIFE & GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION after the said date.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the following blank Provisional Receipts, Sales Invoice and Sales Order form duly registered under the name of CRISDY-NA DRUG CORPORATION were lost on November 15, 2005 and are now deemed void:

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2005-12B

The National Transmission Corporation, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/ manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder requirements:

SCHEDULE	PR NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	APPROVED BUDGET
E1	QUE-05-312	OVERHEAD GROUND WIRE	60 KM	P 7,800,000.00
E2	CAV-05-396	GENERATOR SET, 82KVA	1 SET	1,300,000.00
		GENERATOR SET, 15KVA	2 SETS	1,700,000.00
E3	3PSMDS-05-114	PORTABLE DISSOLVED GAS ANALYZER	1 SET	5,500,000.00
E4	BAT-05-201	CONNECTOR, WEDGE TYPE & 2 OTHERS	2150 PCS.	4,950,000.00
E5	BAT-05-184	ULTRAVIOLET CORONA IMAGER	1 SET	9,648,000.00
E6	3LAG-05-12042	DISCONNECT SWITCH	4 SETS	19,400,000.00
E7	PSMDN-05-134	POWER QUALITY MONITOR AND DISTURBANCE ANALYZER	2 SETS	9,200,000.00

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking similar projects with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed items for bidding. The Eligibilty Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR)

The complete schedule of activities is as follows.

Activities	Date/Time (E1-E7)
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Nov 14 – Dec 5, 2005
2. Pre-bid Conference	Nov 21, 2005 9:30AM
3. Opening of Bids	Dec 06, 2005 8:30AM
4. Deadline for Submission of Bids at the OAVP Conference Room	Dec 06, 2005 8:30AM

Bid Documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00 minimum, or 0.01% of the ABC whichever is higher, per bidding schedule to the National Transmission Corporation Cashier. Complete set of Bid Documents may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat/MMS, Administration Division, SLO&M, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna.

The National Transmission Corporation assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The National Transmission Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality or defect therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

TRANSCO-South Luzon's other requirements are posted at the DBM Website www.procurementservice.net

(SGD) R. B. VERGARA
Chairman, BAC

(PDI--Nov. 20, 2005)

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Editor Aries Espinosa

D&B Phils now provides insight into 100M global B2B records

THE D&B WORLDWIDE NETWORK recently marked a significant milestone when its global B2B database reached 100 million records. D&B Philippines and other global strategic partners of D&B played an integral role in this success as together these companies contribute 40 percent of the records that comprise the global database.

Recently, through the international partnership strategy of D&B, a network has been created that provides customers across the globe with access to quality commercial business information. This network is collectively known as the D&B Worldwide Network and D&B Philippines whose strategic partnership aims to bridge cross border global and local business data base management. Customers of this network gain access to global business information, which is powered by D&B's proprietary DUNSRight Quality Process, while benefiting from local expertise and knowledge

The DUNSRight Quality Process, which collects, aggregates, edits and verifies information from thousands of global sources every day is utilized by D&B Philippines in the country to provide customers with quality business information via customer solutions. Businesses rely on these solutions to make their risk management and sales and marketing business decisions. For instance, in order for businesses to expand beyond traditional borders they need comprehensive information on global prospects so they can trade more effectively and cost efficiently. And businesses need to understand the financial viability of current and potential clients in order to protect their business from the effects of bad debt and ensure the profitability of their organization. Since D&B Philippines is a member of the D&B Worldwide Network, it is thus uniquely qualified to help customers in the Philippines meet their global and local business needs.

"As a member of the D&B Worldwide Network, D&B Philippines Inc, provides quality information and valuable business insight, local knowledge and expertise," said Jaime Y. Ladao, president. "The expansion of our collective database to 100 million records clearly demonstrates the incredible benefit of this alliance and affords our local customers the largest global database in the world to make their strategic business decisions with confidence," added Ladao.

MCDONALD'S PHILIPPINES WINS CREATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Out of 600 creative entries to the 2nd Annual Creative Excellence Awards, only ten awards were given. McDonald's Philippines won in the 'Best in Multi-Media' campaign category for its Jasmine Trias sound gig campaign. McDonald's Phils winning entry was showcased at the Big Ten Marketing and Creative Directors' Meeting at the Dreamworks Studio in Los Angeles, California, USA, from July 17 to 20. Other awardees are Best Print (Italy), Best Outdoor (Taiwan), Best Children's Ad (US), Best Design (Taiwan), Best Use of Mnemonic (China), Best Cultural Campaign (Switzerland), Best in Show (Taiwan). In photo: (from left) Larry Light (head of marketing for McDonald's Corp), Marlena Peleo-Lazar (McDonald's US), Edsel Tolentino (creative director of Leo Burnett-Manila), Margot Torres (VP-marketing, McDonald's Phils), Dean Barrett (SVO, marketing, McDonald's Corp).

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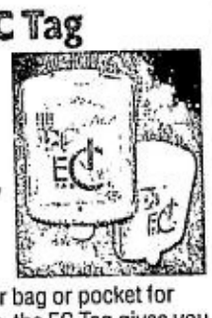

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IMEDEEN NOW AVAILABLE AT RUSTAN'S ESSENSES

Leading internal skincare pioneer Imedeen announced its retail exclusivity with Rustan's Essenses. Present during the announcement were (from left), Rhina Roman (Rustan's brand manager), Myla Recto (Ferrosan Phils business development manager), Arlene Armada (Rustan's brand assistant), TV personality Ces Drilon who hosted the launch, Ferrosan A/S scientific consultant Dr. Jana Vicanova and Anching Angeles, senior brand manager of Rustan's Essenses.

METROBANK WINS TWO GOLD AWARDS

Metrobank Card Corp recently won two gold awards for marketing excellence in the recent MasterCard Asia/Pacific Marketing Leadership Awards 2005. The Metrobank Platinum MasterCard card program won for Best Platinum Marketing, while the 'M Here' Usage and Awareness Campaign won for Best Program Launch. Shown in photo are Metrobank Card Corp executives Peter Schiesser, (extreme left) adviser; Anne Young (4th from left) president; and Aloy Alday (center), first vice president for marketing; with MasterCard executives Ajay Bhalla (extreme right), senior vice president and general manager, Southeast Asia, and Jose Rene Villa-Real (2nd from left), vice president and country manager, Philippines.

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TRUST BANKING DIVISION

INVITATION TO BID

FOUNDRY MACHINERIES
"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"

Location	:	Formerly Benguet Management Corporation's Foundry Brgy. San Benito, Alaminos, Laguna
Bidding period	:	November 14 – 18, 2005 November 21 – 25, 2005 November 29, 2005 9:00am Tuesday (Deadline)
Minimum Bid Price	:	Php30,000,000.00 (Thirty Million Pesos) sealed bid
Mode of Payment	:	Cash or Manager's Check

Requirements:

- 20% down payment must be included enclosed with the bid (Manager's Check) All Bids must be signed and sealed.
- Bidders must enclose together with their bid and down payment their names, address, contact number.
- A List of the machineries will be provided upon request.
- Ocular inspection will be scheduled on November 17 and 24, 2005 (Thursday), Bidders must coordinate with the contact persons below to be allowed to enter the site. **(Strict Compliance)**
- Losing bidder's down payment checks will be returned immediately
- Bids will be opened and awarded on November 29, 2005 10:00 am (Tuesday)
- Winning bidder must pay the remaining balance within 2 banking days from written notice
- Direct Buyers , Brokers accepted
- 3% commission given to brokers who will facilitate the winning bid
- All the necessary permits must be secured by the buyer
- All checks must be made payable to **Keppel Bank Philippines – Trust Banking Division**
- Bids will be coursed through:

Keppel Bank Philippines – Trust Banking Division
Unit 3D 3rd Floor Country Space 1 Building
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Telephone Numbers: 892-1365 or 752-3927
c/o Mr. Michael Dennis G. Cruz

Bids will be accepted strictly from 9:00am to 5:00pm only

The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all offers, to waive any formalities therein or accept such offer as may be deemed advantageous to the Bank.

(PDI–Nov. 15 & 20, 2005)

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Labor and Employment
BFO Building, Ortigas Avenue cor. EDSA, Mandaluyong City 1501
Website: www.poea.gov.ph E-mail:info@poea.gov.ph
Hotlines: 722-1144, 722-1155

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
FOR SECURITY SERVICE ITB NO. 011-05, JANITORIAL SERVICE ITB NO. 012-05 AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ITB NO. 013-05

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) through its Bids and Award Committee (BAC) invites qualified Agencies to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following below items for the calendar year 2006.

Qualified bidders for the security service should be at least 10 years in business operation while qualified bidders for the janitorial service should be at least 5 years in business operation.

Items/Description	Approved Budget Ceiling for the Contract	Date / Time		Price of Bid Documents (Non-Refundable)
		Pre-Bid Conference	Submission of Bid Docs / Opening of Bids	
1. SECURITY SERVICE	P7.3M	Nov. 30, 2005 / 10 a.m. / Office of DA for Mgt. Services	Dec. 15, 2005 / 10 a.m. / Office of DA for Mgt. Services	Php 1,500.00
2. JANITORIAL SERVICE	P4M	Nov. 30, 2005 / 11 a.m. / Office of DA for Mgt. Services	Dec. 15, 2005 / 2 p.m. / Office of DA for Mgt. Services	Php 800.00
3. ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (FOUR (4) DRIVERS)	P480,000.00	Nov. 30, 2005 / 11:30 a.m. Office of DA for Mgt. Services	Dec. 15, 2005 / 3 p.m. / Office of DA for Mgt. Services	Php 500.00

The Bid documents shall be available at the BAC Secretariat c/o Mr. Reynaldo F. Cabrera, 5th Floor, BFO Bldg , Ortigas Ave., Mandaluyong City. Tel. 722-1166 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated above. Only bidders who have purchased the Bid Documents shall be eligible to attend the Pre-Bid Conference and participate in the Bidding.

Sealed bid must be accompanied by any of the following bid security.

Form of Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid
1. Cash Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Manager's check bank drafts or irrevocable Certification of Credit	One percent (1%)
2. Bank Guarantee	One and a half percent (1 ½%)
3. Surety Bond	Two and a half percent (2 ½%)

The bidders shall drop two (2) envelopes: First envelope to contain Class A Documents: Legal Technical, Financial; Class B Documents: Valid joint agreement in case of a joint venture. Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized representative/s to verify any or all of the documents submitted for the eligibility check. Second envelope to contain Bid prices in the Bill of Quantities in the prescribed Bid Form, the recurring and the maintenance costs, if applicable in the bid box located at Conference Room of DA for Management Services, 5th Floor, BFO Bldg., Mandaluyong City.

Criteria for eligibility check, examination and evaluation of bids and post-qualification shall be non-discretionary pass/fail criteria. Only eligible bidders shall be considered for bid award.

The POEA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality or defect contained therein, and accept the offer deemed to be most advantageous to the Government. It assumes no obligation to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bids, nor does it guarantee that an award can be made.

(Sgd.) **CARMELITA S. DIMZON, DPA**
Deputy Administrator for Mgt. Services
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–Nov. 20, 2005)

INVITATION TO BID

Bank will foreclose & auction the following

Property located at:
No. 31 Balagtas-Bustos Provincial Rd. Sitio Mataas na Sampaloc, Barangay Bulihan, Plaridel, Bulacan

Description:
Lot Area : 1) 2,268 sqm 2) 2,268 sqm
Improvements : 2,886 sqm (aggregate)
1) Production Bldg. – one (1) storey bldg.
2) Canteen/Maintenance – one (1) storey bldg.
3) Building 3 – two (2) storey bldg.
4) Guard house/barracks – two (2) storey bldg.

For particulars, Please call 811-5807 to 14
Look for Gee/Cirila/Dannie

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INVITATION TO BID

Bank will foreclose & auction the following

Property located at:
along M. Santillan St. Barangay Arnaiz (Pio del Pilar) North, Makati City *(land only)*

Description:
Lot Area : 329 sq.m.
within commercial / residential area

For particulars, Please call 811-5807 to 14
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- Registered and in good standing with the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Department of Trade and Industry.
- Registered and in good standing with MARINA and the Philippine Ports Authority.
- In continuous operations for the last five (5) years.
- Have existing contracts with at least three (3) industrial clients involving at least five (5) marine tug boats.
- Have available at least three (3) serviceable tug boats, with minimum BHP of 3,000 and Bollard Pull Capacity of 40 tons each.
- With full crew complement, support gears and onboard equipment.
- Has a good track record and satisfactory performance as attested by at least three (3) clients.
- Compliant with Philippine labor laws and standards, Philippine Coast Guard MC No. 03 series of 1994, DENR AO No. 2005-10.
- Could mobilize a substitute Tug Boat of similar specification and gears on short notice

IF YOUR COMPANY MEETS THESE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT, COMPANY PROFILES AND PROOF OF QUALIFICATION ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25, 2005 TO:

The Accreditation Board for Quezon Power
c/o Emmanuel M. Florece
BPO INTERNATIONAL, INC.
6758 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Telephone nos. 892-0481 to 94 (local 8863), 0918-3876853
Fax No. 325-2764 / 893-9532

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Qualified citizens of developing member countries of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), who intend to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other development-related fields are invited to apply for scholarships under the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program. Upon successful completion of the graduate program, the scholars are expected to return to their countries and contribute to its socioeconomic development. Scholarships are awarded for graduate studies at designated institutions in courses of study approved by ADB. The Program especially welcomes qualified women applicants who have limited financial means to obtain university education.

The Scholarships

Level of Education: postgraduate (diploma, masters, and doctorate degrees)
Duration: from 1 to 2 years
Coverage: tuition fees, books, subsistence and housing allowance, insurance, economy airfare, and research subsidy

Academic Institutions

- **Australia**—National Centre for Development Studies/ Australian National University, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney
- **China, People's Republic of**—University of Hong Kong
- **India**—Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- **Japan**—International University of Japan, Nagoya University (Graduate School of International Development), Keio University (International Graduate Programs on Advanced Science and Technology), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Ritsumeikan University (Master in Economics), Saitama University (Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering), University of Tokyo (Department of Civil Engineering, School of International Health, Institute of Environmental Studies, and Department of Urban Engineering)
- **New Zealand**—University of Auckland
- **Pakistan**—Lahore University of Management Sciences
- **Philippines**—Asian Institute of Management, International Rice Research Institute/University of the Philippines in Los Baños
- **Singapore**—National University of Singapore
- **Thailand**—Asian Institute of Technology, Thammasat University
- **USA**—East-West Center

Eligibility Requirements

Prospective applicants must:

- be a citizen of an ADB developing member country
- have at least 2 years work experience
- have gained admission to an approved course in a designated institution
- be proficient in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies
- be in good health
- not more than 35 years old at the time of application. (Staff of ADB and the designated institutions and their close relatives are not eligible to apply.)

Application Requirements

Applicants should obtain application forms from the designated institutions of their choice and submit the completed form and required documentation to the Institution. Applicants should indicate on the application form that they wish to be considered for an Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship. (ADB will select the scholars from among those admitted by the institutions. A separate application to ADB is not necessary.) For further information, visit the ADB-JSP website.

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who passed away on October 21, 2005

Wish to thank all those who offered prayers and masses and condoled with us during our moments of sorrow.

We the bereaved family of our beloved

BENJAMIN B. TRINIDAD

of Sta. Ana, Manila and Cagayan de Oro City
who died peacefully on October 24, 2005

wife, **Alice**;
children:
Dondi and **Marie Jo Roa**,
Sonny and **Ruby**,
Buddy;
and grandchildren:
David, Anton, Monica, Matthew, Akim & JT

wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who condoled with us in our time of great sorrow with their presence, prayers, messages of sympathy, flowers and donations.

Your expressions of love and concern continue to comfort and console us. Thank you and God bless you.

Virginia Mariano Gomez

January 7, 1922 – November 18, 2005

Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord.

She is survived by her children **Chito, Linda, Tess, Marian, Julie, Bob** and **Liza** and their spouses, grandchildren, brothers and sisters **Arsenio, Herminia, Elena, Estela, Carmen, Julita** and **Juan, Jr.** She is predeceased by her faithful husband **Frank Gomez** and son **Billy**. The family requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at
Christ the King Parish in Greenmeadows, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, November 22, 2005
after the morning Mass.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

"Thank You!"

We, the Ampil family,
thank you for sharing our grief and celebrating the life of our beloved

Atty. ARMANDO V. AMPIL

July 5, 1921 - November 7, 2005

"Dad, we could not make you stay
Although we love you dearly,
A golden heart stopped beating,
A brilliant mind came to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the very BEST."

Message of Thanks

We, **Marina**,
Pert Jr. & Lorna, Ching & Mo, Miny & Ken,
Gel & Lyn, Nelly & Rudi & Teddy, grandchildren,
great grandchildren, nephews, nieces
and relatives of the late

Col. (Ret.) RUPERTO NUÑEZ MOLATO

PMA CLASS 1942
of Mogpog, Marinduque

who passed away on November 4, 2005

wish to thank all those who offered prayers and Masses, sent flowers, extended assistance and condoled with us during our trying moment of bereavement.

We miss his witty and affectionate presence yet find comfort in the thought that he is now resting in the embrace of our Almighty Father.

ELENA (INÉ) BERNARDO-MARTINEZ

Peacefully joined our Creator
19 November 2005
at the age of 91.

Her loving children **José** (†) and **Corazon, Carlos** & **Marylyn, Nestor** & **Gwen, Erlinda, Teresa** & **Paul Morales,** grandchildren, great grandchildren & relatives request the pious reader to pray for her eternal rest.

Her remains lie in state at
the Sanctuario de San José, Greenhills.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 22 November 2005 at
The Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina
after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

I am the Resurrection and the Life
He who believes in Me will live
even though he dies, and whoever
believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

Our Dearly Beloved

Dra. Remedios R. Cotangco

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 14, 2005
in Burbank, California, USA

Her bereaved mother **Angelina**, daughter **Donna**, sister **Mely**, brothers **Johnny, Peping, Boy, Eddie, Nanding**, in-laws, nephews and nieces request relatives, friends and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains will be brought home in the morning of Wednesday, November 23, 2005 and will lie in state at the Midtown Subdivision Chapel, San Roque, Marikina City.

Interment will be on Saturday, November 26, 2005 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 1:00 PM Mass.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

SEGELDINO MANALAD SANTOS

of Malabon City

Peacefully joined our Creator
on November 17, 2005 at the age of 64.

His bereaved wife, **AMY**; children **Deanna & Waldy**; brother **Fiel**; sister **Annie**; in-laws, nephews & nieces request readers to pray for his eternal rest in heaven.

His remains lie in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, Araneta Ave., Q.C.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m. at Ever Memorial Gardens, Lawang Bato, Valenzuela City.

EMILIA LORETO VALTE INFANTADO

of Manila and San Rafael, Bulacan

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on November 4, 2005 in Victoria, Australia
at the age of 80.

Beloved sister of **Angelica, Augusto** (†), **Leandro** (†), **Lygia, Remedios** (†) and **Segundo, Jr**; sister-in-law of **Natividad Laurel** (†), **Lina del Rosario** (†) and **Carolina Hosaka**.

Her family, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her cremated remains will be brought to the Mortuary of Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon Ave., Quezon City upon its arrival on the evening of November 22 until November 24.

Interment will be at the La Loma Cemetery on November 24 immediately after the 8 o'clock a.m. funeral mass at the Mortuary of Sto. Domingo Church.

His Excellency Most Rev. Leo M. Drona, SDB, DD, Bishop of San Pablo, the Clergy, Religious and Laity, Relatives and Friends, deeply mourn the demise of:

REV. FR. TOMAS D. CUENCA

Who died on November 17, 2005
at the age of 84.

His remains lie in state at the mortuary of St. Paul the First Hermit Cathedral, San Pablo City.

Interment will be on November 21 (Monday) following the Concelebrated Mass at 9:30 a.m. in St. Paul the First Hermit, San Pablo City.

Benedict C. Cruz

peacefully joined his Creator on
November 14, 2005 at the age of 38.

His bereaved mother **Leticia C. Cruz**; sisters **Marissa & Jim, Maritess & Julius, Cecille & Jon, Joy & Jun**; brothers, **Ronald & Agnes, Nandy**; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends request the pious readers to please pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at his residence at 1 A. Bonifacio St., Dela Paz, Pasig City.

Mass will be held today, Sunday, November 20, 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish. Interment will follow at Heaven's Gate Memorial Park 1.

DEATH NOTICE

ANTONIO A. CORONADO

died November 17, 2005

His body lies in state at the Our Lady of Peace Funeral Parlor, Antipolo City

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Date: November 20, 2005
Contract ID No.: SP-074-IN-01
World Bank Loan No. 4446 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance and Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the ***Construction of School Buildings (Contract Packages 01to04)***. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*.
2. The ***City of Himamaylan, Negros Oriental*** invites sealed bids from eligible sources for the ***Construction of School Buildings for the following packages:***

PACKAGE 01
1-Unit 2 cl 1-storey school building;
Carabalan National High School, Brgy. Carabalan

6-Units 3 cl 1-storey school building;
Cabadiangan Elementary School, Brgy. Cabandiagan
Cabanbanan Elementary School, Brgy. Cabanbanan
Carabalan Elementary School, Brgy. Carabalan
Culban Elemenrary School, Brgy. Carabalan
San Jose Elementary School, Brgy. Libacao
HNHS Libacao Ext., Brgy. Libacao

3-Units water tanks
Carabalan Nat'l High School, Brgy. Carabalan
San Jose Elementary School, Brgy. Libacao
HNHS Libacao Ext., Brgy. Libacao

PACKAGE 02
3-Units 3 cl 1-storey school building
Magsaha Elementary School, Brgy. Mahalang
San Antonio Elementary School, Brgy. San Antonio
Doña Gregoria Ramos Elem. School, Brgy. Caradio-an

1-Unit 6 cl 2-storey school building
To-oy Elementary School, Brgy. To-oy

3-Unit water tanks
Magsaha Elementary School, Brgy. Mahalang
Doña Gregoria Ramos Elem. School, Brgy. Caradio-an
To-oy Elementary School, Brgy. To-oy

PACKAGE 03
2-Units 6 cl 2-storey school building
Sara-et Elementary School, Brgy. Saraet
Don Serafin Gatuslao Elem. School, Brgy. IV

2-Units 4 cl 1-storey school building
Doña Ressurection G. Vasquez Elem. School, Brgy. Talaban
Mambagaton Elementary School, Brgy. Mambagaton

2-Units water tanks
Sara-et Elementary School, Brgy. Sara-et
Don Serafin Gatuslao Elem. School, Brgy. IV

PACKAGE 04
2-Units 8 cl 2-storey school building
Himamaylan Nat'l High School. Brgy. III

1-Unit 6 cl 2-storey school building
Paaralang Sentral ng Himamaylan, Brgy. I

1-Unit 4 cl 1-storey school building
Doña Julieta M. Gatuslao Elem. School, Brgy. Caradio-an

1-Unit water Tank
Himamaylan National High School, Brgy. III

3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting ***November 21, 2005 during office hours at the BAC Office, City of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental*** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) for each Contract Package (Package 01 to 04)*** or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency, for each set. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ***ninety (90) days*** after bid opening and must be accompanied by the bid securities for the following Contract Packages:

Package 01 – Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Pesos (Php 370,000.00)
Package 02 – Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 300,000.00)
Package 03 – Four Hundred Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 410,000.00)
Package 04 – Five Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php 540,000.00)

in a form of cash, certified check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency and shall be delivered to the ***BAC Office, City of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental on or before December 20, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.*** at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

5. A pre-bid conference will be held on ***December 6, 2005; 10:00 A.M. at the ABC Hall, City of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental.***

(Sgd.) VICENTE T. GENOVA
BAC Chairman

(PDI-Nov. 20, 2005)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
A Global Corporation with a Global Mindset and a Filipino Heart

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 08-95-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : Supply and Delivery of Decorative Mosaic Tiles (Total Floor Area: 810 sq. m.)

Approved Budget : Six Million Pesos (P 6,000,000.00)

Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila., Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from November 11, 2005 to December 2, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	November 22, 2005 (2 pm)
Submission of Bids	December 5, 2005 (2 pm)
Opening of Bids	December 5, 2005 (2 pm onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO**
Chairperson, BAC 3

(PDI-Nov. 13 & 20, 2005)

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South Luzon Operation and Maintenance
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2005-12C

The National Transmission Corporation, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder requirements:

SCHEDULE	PR NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	APPROVED BUDGET
F1	3BAT-05-210	PORTABLE POWER QUALITY AND DISTURBANCE ANALYZER INSTRUMENT	2 SETS	P 9,200,000.00

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking similar projects with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed items for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is as follows:

Activities	Date/Time/Venue
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Nov. 21 – Dec. 09, 2005
2. Opening of Bids (Re-bidding)	December 12, 2005 9:30 AM OAVP Conference Room

Bid Documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00 minimum, or 0.01% of the ABC whichever is higher, per bidding schedule to the National Transmission Corporation Cashier. Complete set of Bid Documents may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat/MMS, Administration Division, SLO&M, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna.

The National Transmission Corporation assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The National Transmission Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality or defect therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

TRANSCO-South Luzon's other requirements are posted at the DBM Website: www.procurementservice.net.

(SGD) R. B. VERGARA
Chairman, BAC

(PDI--Nov. 20, 2005)

National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
NPC-WITADD-2005-001

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-PSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for **LONG-TERM BROKERAGE SERVICES** for NPC importations arriving from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 for Air and Ocean carriers.

The services require clearance of cargo from Customs custody and delivery to various NPC destinations within Metro Manila and other designated delivery points in Luzon.

The schedule of activities in connection with the public bidding is as follows:

Issuance of Bid Documents — November 21, 2005 – December 16, 2005
Pre-Bid Conference — December 6, 2005 at 2:00 PM, Moriones Room, Solarium Hall, NPC-HO, Bldg. 1, Diliman, Quezon City
Bidding Date & Time — December 20, 2005 at 2:00 PM, Kañao Room, Solarium Hall, NPC-HO, Bldg. 1, Diliman, Quezon City

Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Warehousing/Inventory, Traffic & Asset Disposal Division, Materials Management Dept. of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 500.00 per schedule. **Issuance of eligibility and bid documents mornings only, 8:30 to 11:30 AM up to the specified time as stated in the bid schedules above.**

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, PSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registration issued by former Genco Offices will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid. Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with the IRR of "Republic Act 9184".

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his/her bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to PhP 50,000.00 per bid form in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's check or Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand with 120 days validity period from the date of opening of bids issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation, without thereby incurring any of the following: a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids and b) obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

CHAIRMAN
Bids and Awards Committee
PSD-NPC

(PDI – November 20, 2005)

Nestlé Philippines, Inc.

Notice is given that Official Receipts Nos. 2665901 – 2665950 has been reported lost since 26 October 2005. Any transaction entered into using these documents shall not be honored by the Company.

(PDI – November 13, 20 & 27, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL
City of Tangub

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Tangub Sports Complex
Construction of Three (3) Storey Reinforced Concrete Structure (Phase 1)
Brgy. Maloro, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental, Philippines
Loan No. 1843-PHI

1. The Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank toward the cost of the Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project (MBUSSP), and it intends to apply part or the whole of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the contract for **Tangub Sports Complex** in Tangub City, Misamis Occidental under Contract No. 001-03SC.
2. The **City of Tangub, Misamis Occidental, Philippines** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of Tangub Sports Complex (Phase 1), a three (3) storey reinforced concrete structure located at Brgy. Maloro, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental, Philippines. Completion of the Works is **480 Calendar Days.**
3. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with relevant procedures for open competitive bidding as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," to the extent it is consistent with Asian Development Bank's procurement procedures and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in "*Guidelines for Procurement Under Asian Development Bank Loans*".
4. The documents required in the Eligibility Documents shall be submitted as part of the Technical Documents of the Bidders as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from **City of Tangub, Misamis Occidental, Philippines** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2005** to **December 27, 2005.**
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00).** The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before **10:00 a.m. of December 27, 2005.**
7. The **City of Tangub** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on **December 14, 2005 10:00 a.m.** at the following address: **Tangub City Hall, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental, Philippines.**
8. Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before **December 27, 2005** at **10:00 a.m.** All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of **Bank Guarantee** and in an amount of **One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 1,950,000.00)** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on **December 27, 2005** at **10:00 a.m.** to held at the **Tangub City Hall, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental, Philippines.** Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at **10:00 a.m.** on **December 27, 2005.**
9. To be considered eligible and qualified a Bidder must:
   a. have a successful experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least one (1) work of a nature and complexity equivalent to the Works in the last five (5) years, such being verifiable from completion certificates. To comply with this requirement the single contract cited should be at least **Sixty Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 60,800,000.00).**
   b. have a minimum average annual construction turnover over the last three (3) years equal to **Seventy Six Million Pesos (P 76,000,000.00).**
   c. submit audited balance sheets or, if not required by the law of the applicants country, other financial statements acceptable to the Procuring Entity, for the last five (5) years to demonstrate the current soundness of the applicants financial position and its prospective long-term profitability.
10. Completion of the Works is required by **Four Hundred Eighty Calendar Days (480 CD).**
11. The **City of Tangub** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Project Implementing Unit (PIU)-LGU Office
BAC Chairman
City Hall, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental, Philippines
Telefax No.: (088) 354-1333

(Sgd.) **LIBERTO C. HERA**
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – November 20, 2005)

Light Rail Transit Authority

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB No. 11-072-05

CONTRACT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE CONCESSION RIGHTS ON ALL THE STRUCTURAL SPACES/AREAS FOR THE MARKETING, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND/OR DISMANTLING OF ADVERTISING COMMERCIAL MEDIUM COVERING THE LRT LINE 1 AND 2 SYSTEMS

The pre-qualification/eligibility forms and Bid Documents may be secured from the LRTA Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at the Ground Floor, Administration Bldg., LRTA Compound, Aurora Blvd., Pasay City, Metro Manila, during regular office hours from **Nov. 21 – Dec. 2, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php 20,000.00)**.

Site inspection will be held on **Dec. 5 and 6, 2005**. For the purpose of clarifying issues, a pre bid conference will be held on **December 8, 2005**, Thursday, 9:00 am L2 Cafeteria Room, Santolan, Pasig City.

The BAC Secretariat shall receive sealed bids not later than **December 22, 2005, Thursday, 9:00 am** and shall then be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

LRTA reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of its bids, and will entertain only such bid/s, established to be the most advantageous to the LRTA.

Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI-Nov. 20, 2005)

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wish to express our sincerest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to all those who offered Masses & prayers, sent flowers & messages of sympathy, and who condoled & comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

Our Dearly Beloved

FERNANDO "DANDING" P. ANGELES

of Pasig City and Morong, Rizal

Peacefully joined our Lord on November 18, 2005 at the age of 76.

His loving wife, **Del**; children: **Benjou & Lynn, Ton & Maybelle, Ruby & Lito Cosca, Patty & Chito Jhocson, Che & Abel Casañas**, and **Joyce & Dodo Lopez**; grandchildren, brothers, sisters and other relatives and friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at **#5 San Jose St., Bo. Kapitolyo, Pasig City.** Cremation will take place on **Thursday, November 24, 2005** at **Loyola Memorial Chapels and Crematory, Guadalupe, Makati City** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Family Chapel, Bo. Kapitolyo, Pasig City.

"Rejoice, O highly favored, the Lord is with you."
Luke 1:28

SR. MARIE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PORTER, CGS

(Maria Lourdes Josefa Porter of Cadiz, Negros Occ.)

On 18 November 2005, Sister Marie peacefully ended her 79 years on earth to meet her Shepherd God, after serving Him faithfully for 44 years in religion.

The Philippine Province of the Good Shepherd Sisters and her family request your prayerful remembrance.

The wake is held at the Good Shepherd Chapel, 1043 Aurora Blvd., 1108 Quezon City. The Mass of the Resurrection will be offered on the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 21 November 2005, at 6:30 a.m. Interment at the Good Shepherd Convent Cemetery

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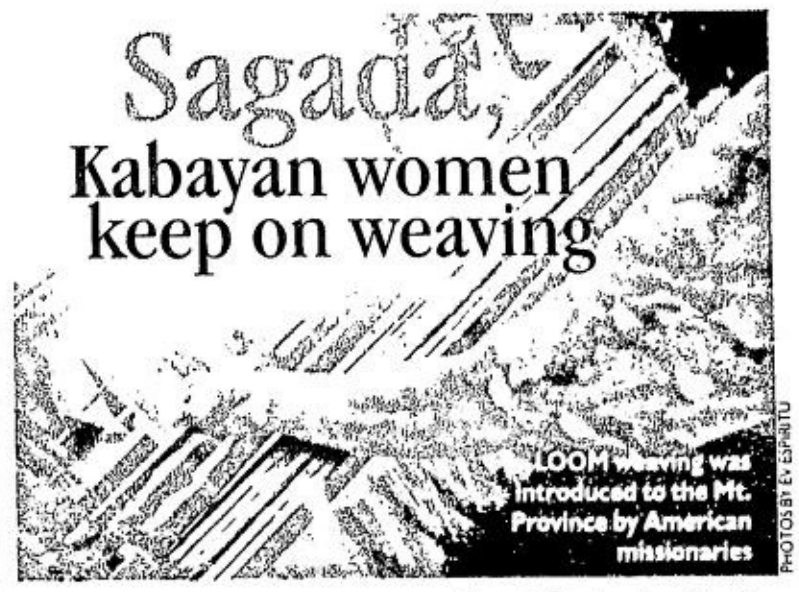
Sagada, Kabayan women keep on weaving



By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

KABAYAN, BENGUET—THE KEEPERS of the weaving tradition of Kabayan, Benguet, and Sagada, Mt. Province are women, who, for decades, have sustained a community-based industry that not only nurtured the craft learned from their ancestors, but also provided livelihood to many villagers.

Maxecia Pili, 53, owner of the Kabayan Weaving Arts and Crafts, and Rhoda Bondad-Arandduque, 63, owner of Sagada Weaving, are two entrepreneurs considered "institutions" in the weaving industry because of their products' quality.

From the traditional backstrap weaving, local weavers eventually adopted the loom weaving technology introduced by Americans here.

Pili said the weaving industry flourished in Kabayan in the 1970s when local weavers, most of them women, adopted the upright loom.

"The skill and knowledge on weaving in Kabayan have been passed on from generation to

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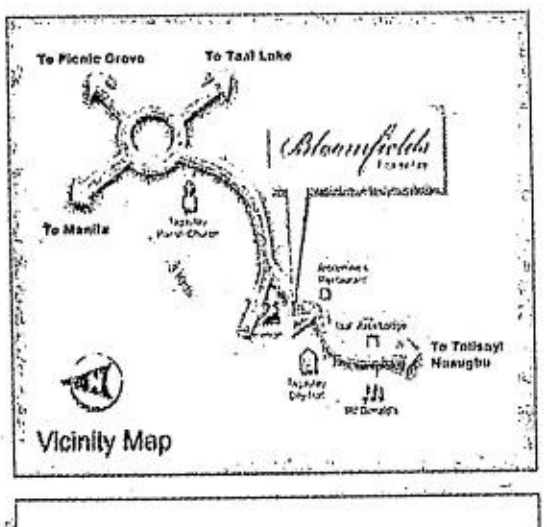

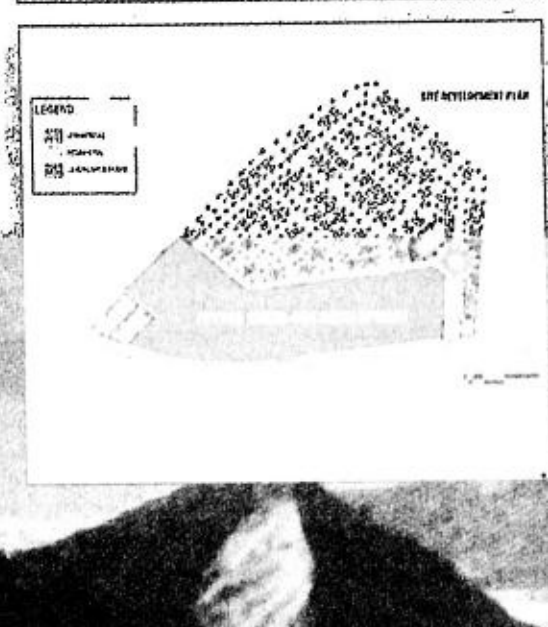

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Breakfast at Auggie's

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao-Punzalan

Fashion 'supremo' Auggie Cordero is still enamored with Audrey Hepburn, and his style remains essentially classic but modern

FOR THE LONGEST TIME, sublime fashion designer Auggie Cordero has been identified with Hollywood legend Audrey Hepburn, his virtual muse and main source of inspiration for several decades now. And he's not ashamed to admit his never-ending fascination for the late Hollywood icon.

The 60-year-old Cordero, who has been designing clothes for almost 35 years, is one of 19 featured designers in the upcoming Metro Wear. Now on its third year, the annual fashion show, one of the biggest of its kind in the country, is organized by Metro magazine and supported by L'Oreal and Samsung. The fashion showdown is set this Friday, 7 p.m., at the Rockwell Tent in Makati.

"I have 12 books on Audrey and a DVD collection of all her movies," says Cordero, one lazy afternoon in his atelier in Malate. "I must have watched 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' more than 20 times."

It was Hepburn who inspired a young Cordero to visit New York City decades ago, where he later worked as an in-house designer for a retail brand. Of course, one of his first stops upon setting foot in the Big Apple was Tiffany's. When designer and legend finally crossed paths several years later, also in New York, the fan could only stare at his idol as she stepped into a waiting limo.

AUGGIE Cordero draws inspiration from Empress Josephine to fashion his latest collection of empire dresses.

"Audrey glanced at me and smiled," he says of the encounter. "She probably noticed how awed I was. I was at a loss for words. It was enough for me that I saw her in person."

Apart from his fixation with Audrey, Cordero is legendary in the business as an insomniac. Morning appointments are unheard of since he doesn't get any shuteye until 6 or 7 a.m. To while away the night, the designer watches three to four movies while curled up in bed. Likewise, he makes sure he has enough books and magazines within easy reach.

To date, he has 3,007 DVDs (and counting!) and 1,008 VHS tapes of movies and countless TV series spanning several decades, countries, languages and genres. Yes, the man is the first to admit how "OC" (obsessive-compulsive) he is about keeping tabs of his prized collection.

"Mind you, I've already dropped my Betamax tapes from the list," he says, his eyes crinkling as he smiled. "They would have easily

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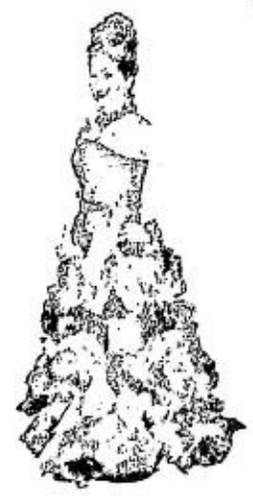

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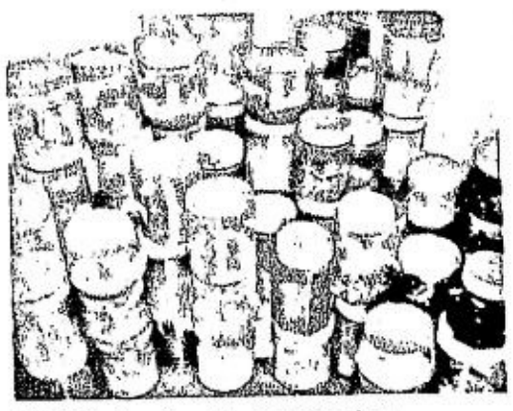
GLOSSY magazines which span several decades

PART of the designer's hoard



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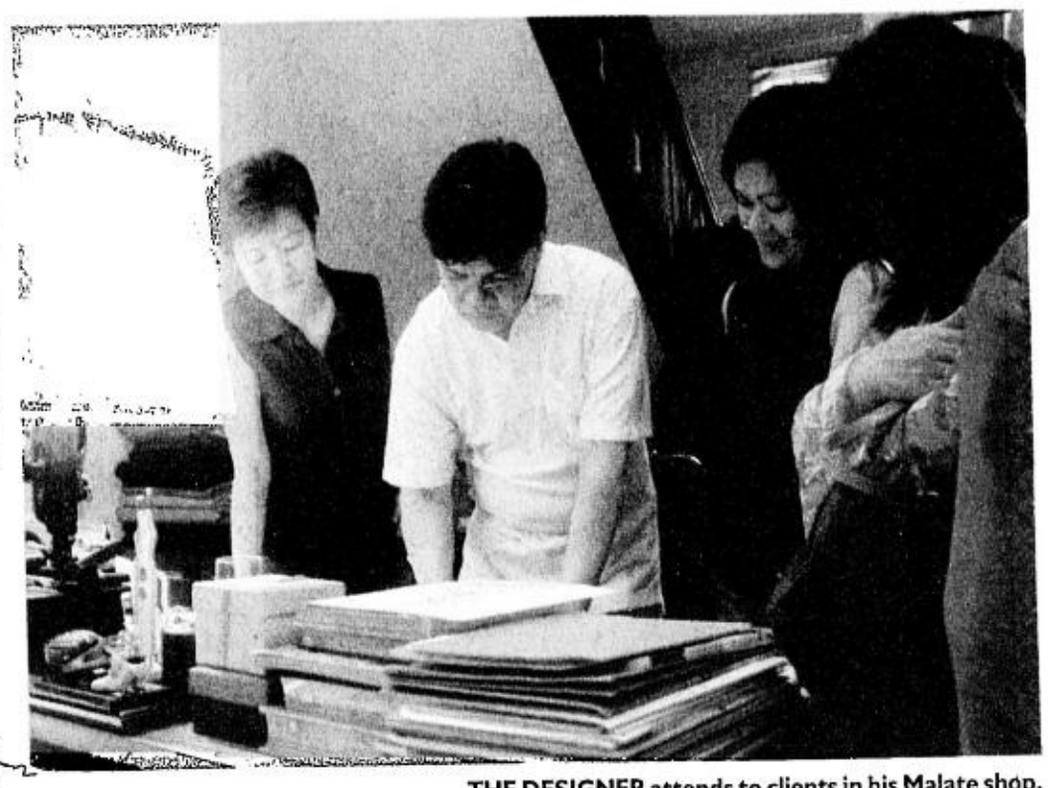

THE DESIGNER attends to clients in his Malate shop.

Breakfast at Auggie's

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run into the thousands."

Such zeal at amassing canned entertainment extends to Cordero's extensive inventory of all sorts of fabrics and accessories—five roomfuls in all—from the world over. He declines to divulge its actual amount, but one won't be surprised if such a horde runs up to several millions of pesos.

Like Cordero's precious DVD collection, everything—from a spool of chiffon to a jar of Swarovski crystals—is catalogued by a warehouse man. The same person does a regular accounting of the items in the designer's extensive inventory.

"When I design, I need to have everything in front of me," he reasons. "I'm also the type of person who loves to horde. Whenever I travel, I always feel I need to buy something for my shop."

Cordero is a voracious reader. On top of his extensive library of coffee-table books and biographies, he subscribes to almost every major foreign and local glossy. He also keeps himself abreast with the latest Hollywood gossip through several supermarket tabloids and cheesy magazines sent to him regularly by friends and loved ones abroad.

"As a designer, you have to be constantly curious," he says. "You have to know what's happening around you not only in fashion, but also [about] events related to politics and the world economy. Every image, every development is a potential source of ideas for new clothes."

It seems a bit odd that such a sage advice should come from someone who rarely socializes. Perhaps Cordero has far better use of his time than to hobnob with Manila's A-list crowd. For choosing to live an "uneventful" life (read: no parties and, ah, lovers), he has earned the reputation of being a recluse. Worse, some ignorant souls have branded him a snob.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Up close, the man can be self-effacing and chatty. He's the first to admit he doesn't easily warm up to strangers, but once he gets to know you he won't have second thoughts about dropping everything and spending an afternoon to chat.

"Anyway, I have the entire night to catch up on my work," he says matter-of-factly. "There are days that I don't get to sleep at all. It's funny because whenever I'm abroad, I sleep like a baby."

In a small town like Manila, where keeping secrets seems as futile as thwarting pollution from entering your system, Cordero makes it a point to go beyond what is listed "officially." So as not to put anybody in an embarrassing (or hostile) situation, he sees to it, for instance, that wife No. 1 and wife No. 2 don't show up simultaneously at his shop.

Such common sense has served him well, as Cordero doesn't seem to run out of customers despite the emergence of newer, younger talents, both real and hyped. Through his dealings with the same clients, he gets updated on the latest society goings-on. But Kitty Go and company better look elsewhere for sources, as the man treats privileged information the way a priest adheres to the seal of confession.

And not too many people know that Cordero, who first made a mark with tailored suits, also takes inspiration from another Hepburn—Katharine. His designs may have been described as romantic, but underneath those tiers and ruffles lay the hallmarks of a good tailor.

No wonder, since two of his idols are Yves Saint Laurent and Giorgio Armani, masters both of impeccable cut, construction and proportion.

Apart from popularizing the shirtdress, Cordero was the first to rework the barong into a woman's tunic. He broke conventions in the 1970s by featuring black and red bridal gowns during his shows. It didn't take long before a number of real women dared to walk down the aisle in colored gowns.

Cordero is also an expert in spotting diamonds in the rough. Back in the days when erstwhile fashion show director and resident diva Gary Flores refused to cast Anna Bayle for "looking like a horse," the designer insisted she be included in his shows. Bayle, of course, went on to become the only Filipina international catwalk queen.

As part of the so-called second golden age of Philippine fashion 30 years ago, Cordero, together, with Inno Sotto and the late Joe Salazar, made waves here and abroad. He holds the distinction of being the first and only Filipino designer to land on the cover of Asiaweek in 1980.

"I don't think a designer will ever run out of ideas," he says. "There's simply too much out there to reinvent and explore."

For Metro Wear, Cordero will be showing three empire numbers made of chiffon and Abraham silk. This time he drew inspiration from Napoleon Bonaparte's wife, the Empress Josephine, whose images he saw in "Sharpe," a BBC documentary. The look, he says, is a cross between French royalty and Reese Witherspoon's character in "Vanity Fair."

He may have given his virtual muse a rest this time, but Auggie Cordero isn't through with Holly Golightly yet. The designer, who doesn't plan to retire anytime soon, has yet to give up his fascination for anything and everything concerning Audrey Hepburn.

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Sponge, squid and starfish to spread Christmas cheers

NILO Mapa, Robinsons Malls' general manager, introduces SpongeBob SquarePants to mall-goers.

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By Vangie Baga-Reyes

THE ROBINSONS MALLS GEAR up for Christmas by bringing Nickelodeon's cute and well-loved SpongeBob SquarePants and his friends as a treat to shoppers.

"We've featured the loveable characters of Disney and Cartoon Network. Nickelodeon's SpongeBob, we're sure, will be another big hit with the kids," says Nilo Mapa, Robinsons Malls' general manager.

In line with the cartoon theme, animated Christmas displays will brighten up all Robinsons malls. The theme will be carried in various displays in the canopies, atriums and outdoor settings. All mall displays will feature SpongeBob and his best bud Patrick Starfish, and Squidward.

Carrying the Spongebob theme in outdoor displays are Robinsons Place Novaliches, Robinsons Starmills Pampanga, Robinsons Metroeast in Pasig, Robinsons Galleria and Robinsons Place Dasmariñas.

Robinsons Place Imus in Cavite will have a "cosmic holiday decor" display at its canopy, while Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa will feature animation.

Robinsons Place Pioneer will have laser lights.

The outdoor displays will be inaugurated today (Robinsons Place Novaliches), Nov. 25 (Robinsons Place Imus) and Nov. 26 (Robinsons Starmills Pampanga).

Holiday musical

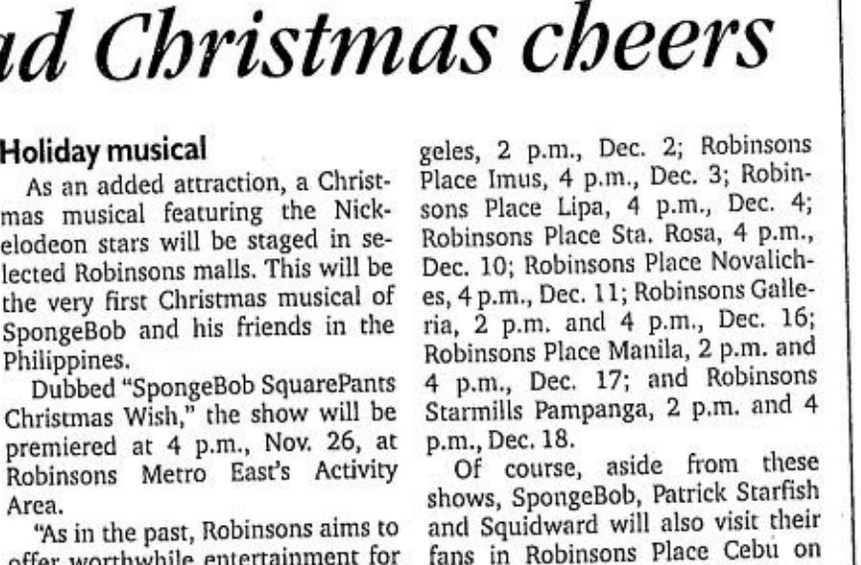
As an added attraction, a Christmas musical featuring the Nickelodeon stars will be staged in selected Robinsons malls. This will be the very first Christmas musical of SpongeBob and his friends in the Philippines.

Dubbed "SpongeBob SquarePants Christmas Wish," the show will be premiered at 4 p.m., Nov. 26, at Robinsons Metro East's Activity Area.

"As in the past, Robinsons aims to offer worthwhile entertainment for the whole family," says Eunice Gonzalez, Robinsons Mall's advertising and promotions director.

The show will then be brought to Robinsons Place Pioneer, 2 p.m and 4 p.m., Nov. 27; Robinsons Place Angeles, 2 p.m., Dec. 2; Robinsons Place Imus, 4 p.m., Dec. 3; Robinsons Place Lipa, 4 p.m., Dec. 4; Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa, 4 p.m., Dec. 10; Robinsons Place Novaliches, 4 p.m., Dec. 11; Robinsons Galleria, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Dec. 16; Robinsons Place Manila, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Dec. 17; and Robinsons Starmills Pampanga, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Dec. 18.

Of course, aside from these shows, SpongeBob, Patrick Starfish and Squidward will also visit their fans in Robinsons Place Cebu on Nov. 20, Robinsons Place Bacolod on Nov. 28, Robinsons Place Dasmariñas on Dec. 9 and Robinsons Place Iloilo on Dec. 20. Meet and Greet sessions will be at 4 p.m. at the malls' respective activity areas.



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Value-for-money holiday shopping

STARMALL EDSA IS HOLDing a mall-wide Christmas bazaar featuring themed exhibits and booths carrying a wide range of products.

The Christmas Gifts and Goodies exhibit lights up the atrium. It has knickknacks, décor and dolls in the bright red and gold colors of Christmas. The booths offer hand-knitted products, electronic gadgets, musical instruments and practical gift items such as clocks, thermal mugs and grooming kits.

The Borloloy Festival along the Edsa main hallway features silver, gold, bronze and leather earrings, necklaces and watches, pearl sets, charms and semiprecious stones.

It's a man's world up at the Men's Festival on the second level. It offers ideal Christmas gifts for men such as leather belts, sandals, slippers, basketball jerseys, T-shirts, caps and a whole lot more.

The Kids bazaar on the third-level hallway offers toys, clothes, shoes and bags, books, colorful trinkets and school items, all at bargain prices.

The Piyestang Pagkain exhibit at the Max's hallway is a festival of native rice cakes, "palamig" refreshments, wines, chocolates and ice cream. Check out the homemade innovation, the "egg-che-flan," which is a creamy caramel flan inside a smooth eggshell.

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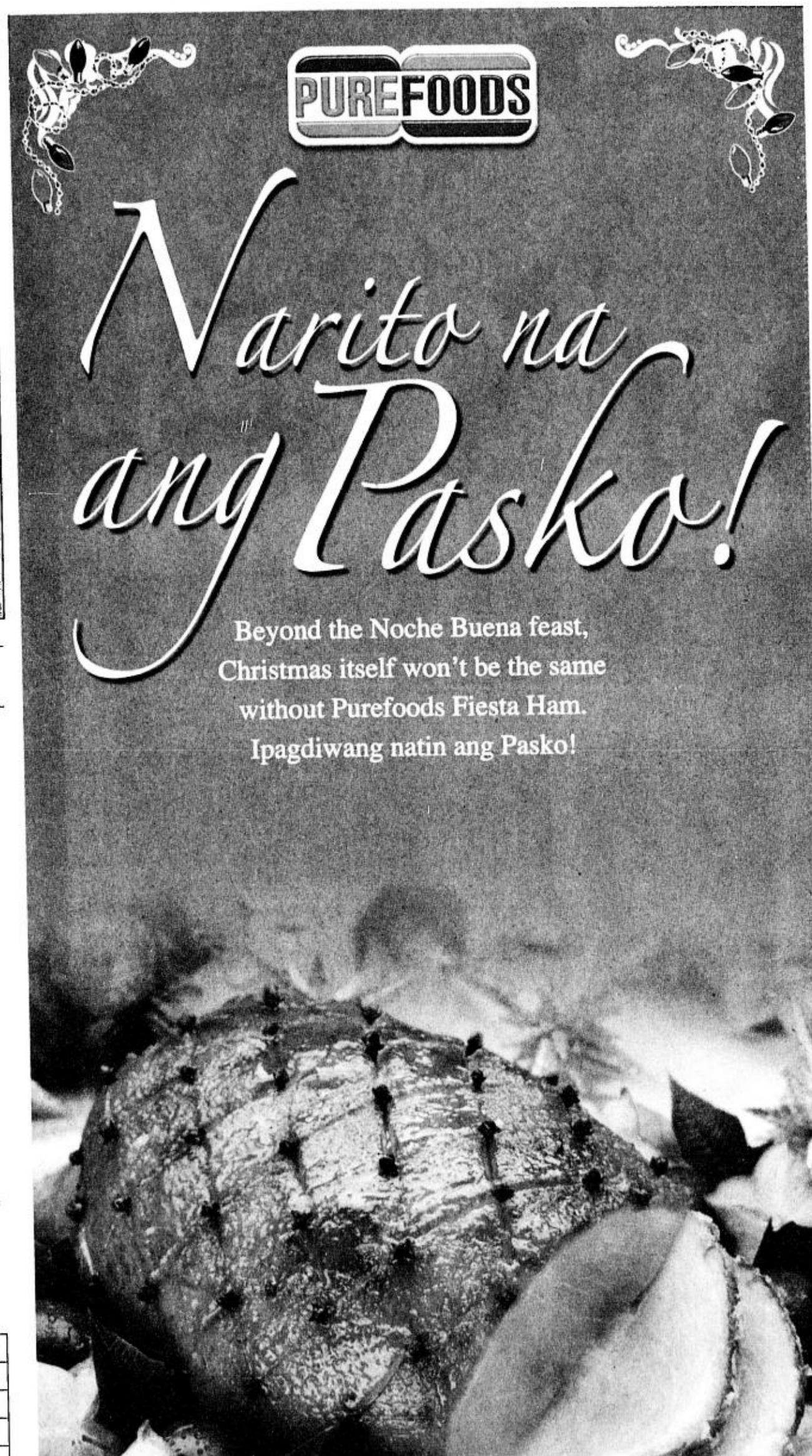

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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27 Taxi
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31 Slippery fish
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35 Hatcher of Hollywood
37 Like Abner
38 In these times
39 Unhelpful spelling aid #3
45 Comic Conway
46 Large lizard
47 Veto
48 Cooler filler
50 Sorcery
55 Italian isle
56 Long-eared equine
57 Incision vestige
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68 Thanksgiving veggie
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87 Neighbor of Virgo
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9 "Shame!"
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11 Roadhouse
12 Skiffs, e.g.
13 Street waif
14 Pay close attention
15 Nanny's trio?
16 Spain's capital
17 Goofs in print
18 Ned's sitcom partner
19 Ratty conduits
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29 Horse trainer's shackle
31 Witty Bombeck
32 Finish first
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34 Big 20th-cen. conflict
35 Queen's crown
36 Bill Cosby's son
37 Bagel go-with
39 Lapel attachment, briefly
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41 Assumed to be true
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44 "Later!"
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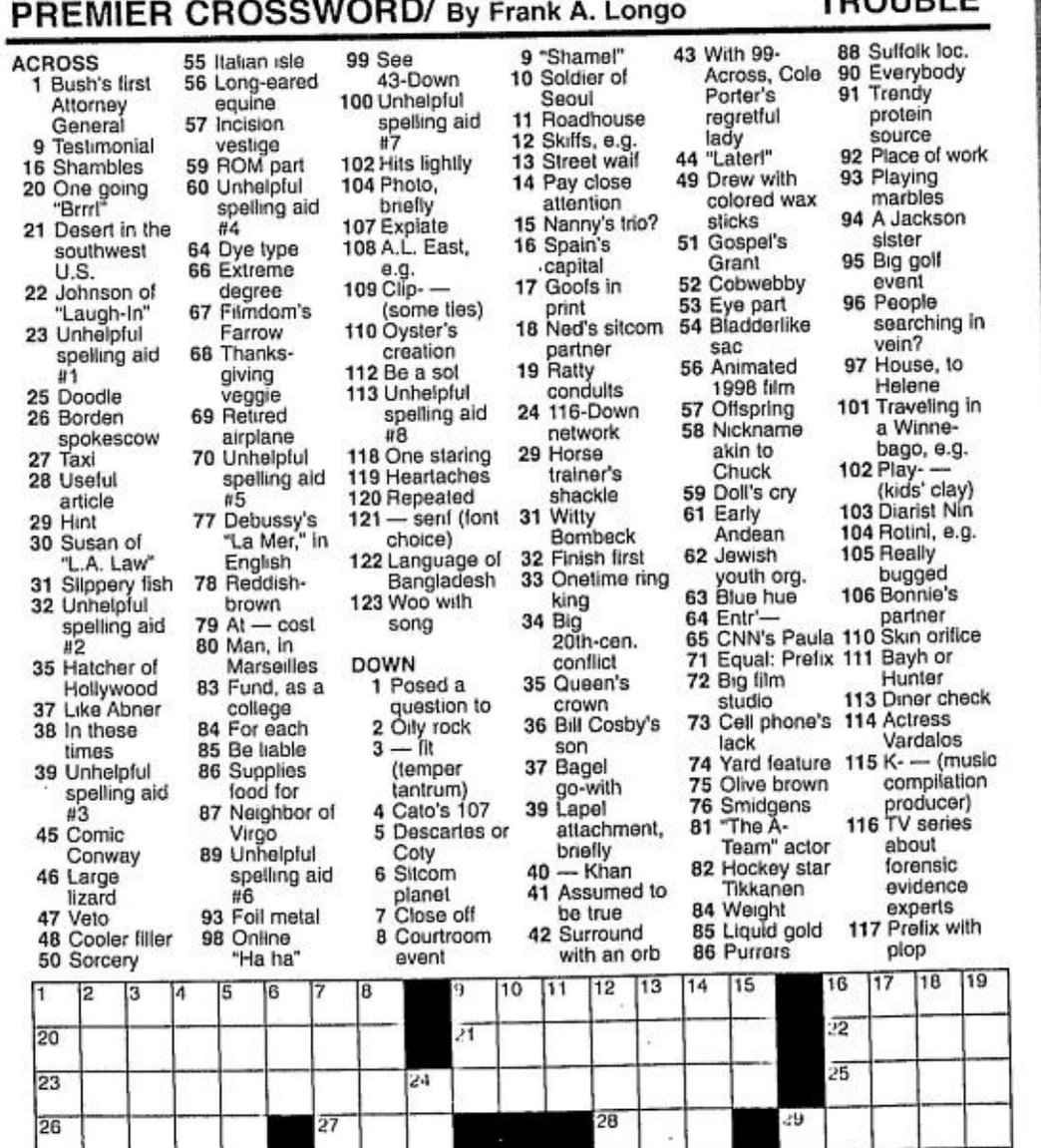

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RONALD McDonald House Charities ambassador Paolo Bediones, the mascot, and kids from the Bahay Bulilit center

Back to books, school and fun

By Irene C. Perez

FOUR-YEAR-OLD KIDS NOWadays have more sources of distraction than, say, 4-year-old kids 10 years ago. There are a kaleidoscope of 24-hour cable cartoon channels, online games and interactive toys to keep them occupied. While these could sure help kids learn, book reading as a habit seems to vanish with every new level-up game.

"We seem to be so into technology, *nawawala na 'yung* magic of reading," TV host Paolo Bediones said. "Research now means surfing the Net, not going to a library to browse books."

Fast-food giant McDonald's knows the value of education. Its most loyal clients are children, so its charity arm, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), tries to help in the nurturing of young people. In fact, for every Happy Meal one buys, 50 centavos goes to RMHC. And in celebration of the World's Children's Day today, McDo will be donating P5 for every Happy Meal purchased.

For World Children's Day today, McDonald's will give P5 from every Happy Meal purchase to programs fostering the reading habit and supporting poor kids in schools

RMHC president Kenneth Yang and Bediones have lunch with the kids. PHOTOS: RUDY ESPERAS

Since it's the day of children, there will be games and storytelling activities in all 256 McDonald's stores nationwide.

Now what could make a child giddier than a kiddie meal with a toy? It's the child sharing his meal with a poor kid! So for the entire day today, a kid can order a Happy Meal for an indigent kid and have McDonald's deliver it.

Bahay Bulilit

Chosen as RMHC ambassador, Bediones is nothing new to charity work. He has been doing charity work since his ramp-modeling days. He has even spent his birthday with residents of charity homes.

"It's important to give back. I've always been a fan of books. But information now is too spoon-fed," he said. "It's alarming how literacy now just means being able to read and write. It doesn't involve understanding. Plus, the number of dropouts."

One of RMHC's key projects is the Bahay Bulilit, a barangay-based day-care center for children from low-income families. McDonald's, with the social welfare and education departments, accommodates around 100 children in each of these centers around Metro Manila.

"Bahay Bulilit is usually a 50- to 70-sq-m area provided by the local government. The structure is built by McDo, which also provides the children's uniforms and study kits. Community members oversee day-to-day operation, DepEd trains the teachers," said RMHC president Kenneth Yang.

Mercy Cruz, a teacher in the first Bahay Bulilit on C-5, Makati, said the children could sure be a handful.

"*Makulit pero* OK *lang kasi nakakapag-aral sila*," Cruz said, adding that even kids aged 5-6 come to the centers to learn since they can't afford to attend regular schools.

"We could accommodate a hundred children through three sessions daily. We teach them reading, counting, art and science," Cruz said in Filipino.

There are Bahay Bulilit centers in Makati, Mandaluyong, Quezon City, Manila and Pasay. This year, McDo will open three new centers—in Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga and Iloilo.

Celebration of children

While Bahay Bulilit caters to children aged 4-6, Bright Minds Read (BMR) is a continuing beginning reading program for Grades I-III public-school students.

Together with the Department of Education-NCR and League of Corporate Foundations, BMR develops and improves the reading skills of students through specially designed kits. It wants to reach 37,200 public schools nationwide by 2008.

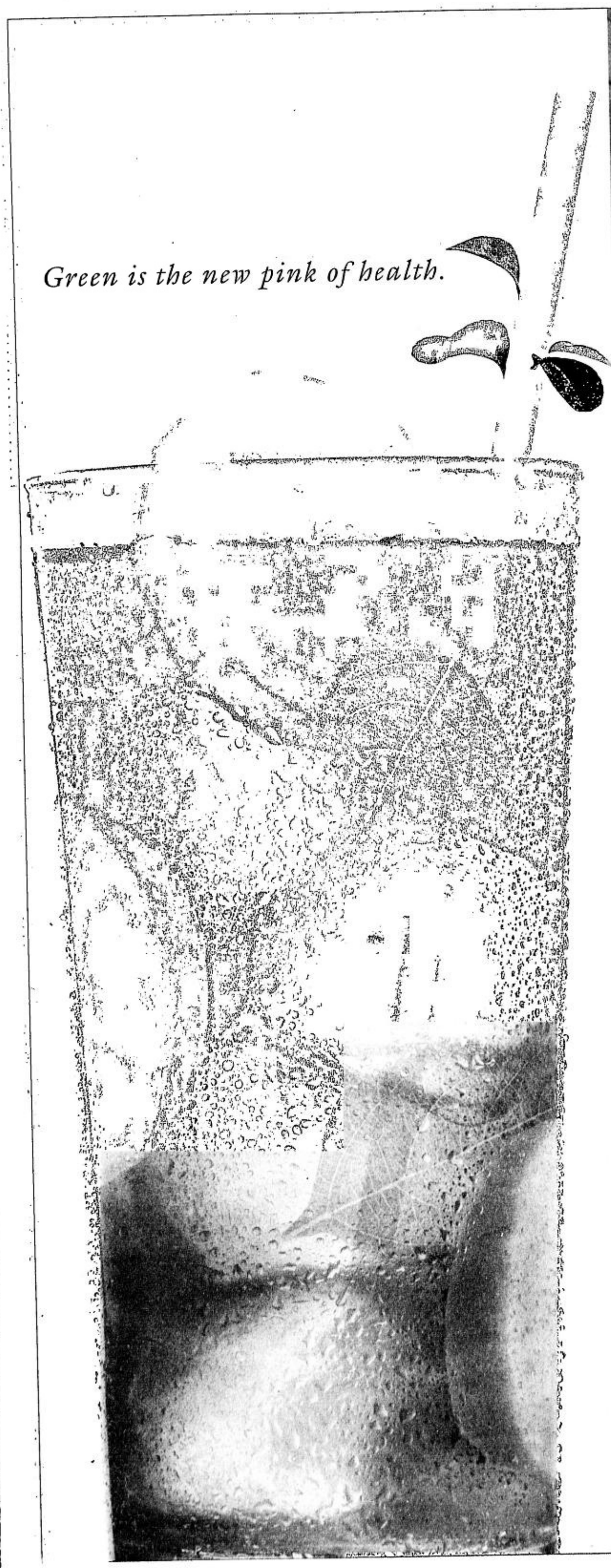
Gawad Kalinga, meanwhile, is a house-building project for the poor.

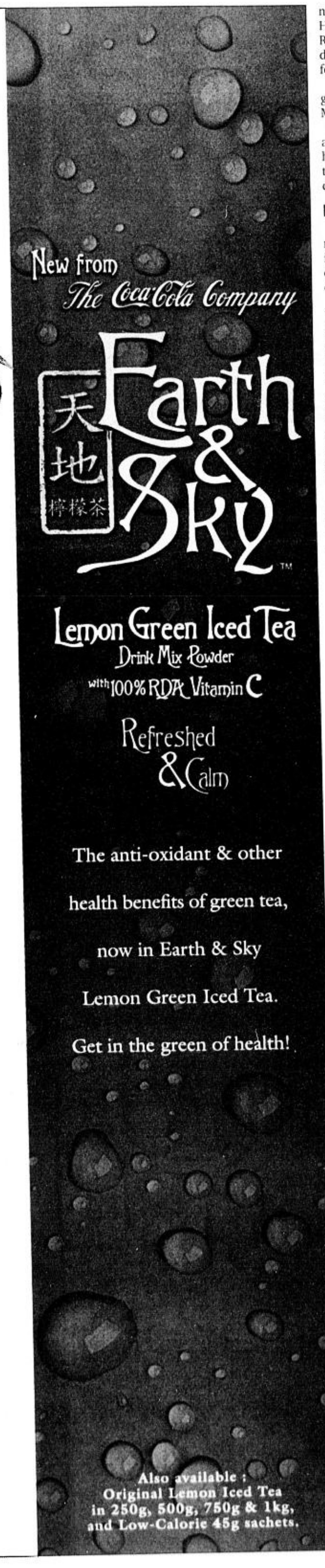
Yang, also the managing director of Golden Arches Development Corp., the local company that owns the McDonald's franchise in the Philippines, said that RMHC is all about giving back to the community. The charity program was recently awarded an Agora for outstanding achievement in advocacy marketing.

World Children's Day is simultaneously celebrated in over 100 McDonald's outlets worldwide to promote children's causes.

The Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is the global ambassador of World Children's Day. Celebrities Celine Dion, Paul Newman, Justin Timberlake, Hillary and Haylie Duff, Destiny's Child, and tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams also support the celebration.

YANG, also Golden Arches Development Corp. managing director, hands out Happy Meals to preschoolers.





HERMOSISIMA-TIU NUPTIALS

Cebu's wedding of the year

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

THE NUPTIALS OF PRETTY Dr. **Avril Hermosisima** to **José Rodolfo "Didi" Tiu** was undoubtedly the wedding of the year in Cebu. She is the daughter of **Antonio Hermosisima** and **Alcyone Guangco**.

Both Didi and Avril were hands-on in the preparation for their wedding which involved other celebrations. The getting-to-know-you party between both families, large clans in Cebu, was a luncheon at the Casino Español de Cebu. It used up the Madrid, Bilbao and Barcelona salons. Valuable presents were exchanged.

Then came the *despedida de soltera* hosted by Avril's doting grand-aunt, **Corazon Mercado**, at scenic and historic Fort San Pedro. It coincided with the birthday of a dear friend of the family, **Milagros Sembrano**, who collected loads of felicitations.

The wedding was on a Saturday afternoon and bells at the Cebu Cathedral pealed joyfully. Msgr. **Adelito Abella**, Msgr. **Joh Pernia**, and Fr.**Ernesto Javier**, SJ, concelebrated the nuptial mass. The church was filled with bunches of calla lilies, and music was provided by a quartet from the Peace Philharmonic.

More beautiful music came from the Loboc (Bohol) Children's Choir, which has won international prizes. When Didi was courting Avril, she told him that, if they got married, she wanted the Loboc choir to sing at their wedding. So when he proposed early this year, Didi told Avril he had already asked the choir to sing at their wedding.

The reception for this blissful occasion was at the Grand Majestic's convention center. Like the cathedral, it had been beautifully decorated by **Pinky Chang**. A splendid lauriat was served featuring Peking duck, shark's fin compote, abalone flown from China, delicate black mushrooms, grilled lobsters, rice noodles, steamed *lapu-lapu* and more. The monumental wedding cake was a masterpiece of **Marissa Unchuan**.

After their honeymoon, Didi and Avril will settle in a brand-new mansion built for them at the swanky Villa San Ramon in Cebu's Banawa district.

CORAZON Mercado, the bride's grandaunt

MILAGROS Sembrano and Vivina Yrastorza

DIDI is led to the altar by his parents Rodolfo and Victoria Tiu.

THE BRIDE'S parents, Antonio and Alcyone Hermosisima

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HOLLAWAY-MARANAN NUPTIALS

Caught in the Net

THE COUPLE and their parents

THE INTERNET, MANY SAY, HAS MADE the world smaller. In the case of United States-based Jeffrey Hollaway and Antipolo-raised Maria Isolde Maranan, it made their worlds one.

They were miles apart. Hollaway, 29, lived in Detroit and worked as a business analyst for IBM Computers. Maranan, 22, lived with her parents in Vermont Park, Antipolo, and combined work as a fashion model and registered nurse.

But common interests, fate and the Internet eventually brought them together.

Hollaway and Maranan were both active members of a website. The two clicked almost immediately after they "met" through the website, and became really good friends. They chatted for hours on the Internet and soon the friendship deepened into romance.

Last year, Hollaway came to Manila to meet Maranan in person. The visit only strengthened their bond. Though the visit was short, five weeks later Hollaway was back ask for her hand in marriage hand.

Maranan did not hesitate and accepted his proposal instantly.

In June, she left for Dallas, Texas, to meet his parents and start the preparation for their wedding. Two days later, they had a civil wedding in MonBelAmi's chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The occasion was attended by members of the bride's family from California and the groom's relatives and friends.

Then, exactly a year after they first met, the couple had a church wedding at Manila's Immaculate Conception Church (Manila Cathedral). Reception followed at the Pan Pacific Ballroom.

JEFFREY and Maria Isolde Hollaway (nee Maranan)

This Marian icon champions truth and justice

SIXTY MARIAN IMAGES BEARING the different titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary will join the 26th procession of the Cofradia de la Inmaculada Concepcion on Dec. 4, 4 p.m., from the Manila Cathedral. One of the images is La Virgen de la Verdad, Justicia y Santidad (the Virgin of Truth, Justice and Holiness).

Owned by the family of Gaudencio "Boy" Ponce, the image was brought from Santiago, Chile in August 1973 which Boy visited after a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Boy found the image in the corner of a small store selling religious images. In 1973, Chile at the time was suffering from political upheaval under its president Salvador Allende. The shop owner told Boy he is praying to the Virgin for peace to return to his country, and that the Philippines needed prayers also.

The shop owner told Boy to take the image back to the Philippines, so it could be venerated there. Boy opted to take the head and hands back to Seattle, Washington, where he was based at that time. He was also given a prayer in Spanish which Boy revised to suit the needs of the Filipinos.

It took some 25 years before the image was brought to the Philippines when Boy and his mother came back in 1998. Boy went to Tayuman and had the body of the image made. In Pampanga he had a beautiful dress made for the Virgin. A crown was done by a sculptor in Sampaloc. The baby Jesus was added to the image of the Virgin.

This is the third time La Virgen de La Verdad, Justicia y Santidad will join the procession. Those who want prayers can text Boy Ponce at 0919-3493485.

Triduum of Masses

The Confradia will hold a Triduum of Masses on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, 6 p.m., at the Pamantasan ng Maynila chapel. The First Communion of some 300 children from public schools will be held on Dec. 3, 10 a.m., in the Basilica of San Lorenzo Ruiz in Binondo.

The Hermana Mass is on Dec. 4, 2:30 p.m., at the Manila Cathedral. Hermanos Mayores this year are Justa Tantoco, Karen Macasaet and Bobby Novenario. Imelda Cojuango, founding chair of the Cofradia, will lead in the celebration, together with Aurora Eizmendi, president. The *comite de festejos* is composed of Ado Escudero, Jun Pablo, Deiy Arionday and Clifford Chua.

La Naval fiesta in Bacolor

The town of Bacolor, Pampanga, will told the the Virgin of La Naval today with Masses at 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. High Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Panciano Aniceto at 10 a.m.

The procession will take place at 6 p.m. led by Fr. Nick Sabile, parish priest; and Tom Joven, Pastoral Council president.

Our Lady of Remedies

Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales will lead the concelebrated Mass to mark the fiesta of Our Lady of Remedies in Malate Church today at 9 a.m.

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

The patroness, Our Lady of Remedies, is known for helping pregnant women have safe deliveries and barren women to conceive healthy babies.

Five years ago, Juliet Concepcion, asked the Virgin for a baby girl during her fiesta novena Masses. She was granted her wish. The baby was named Remedios. Juliet has a special devotion to her.

A procession will take place at 4 p.m. Morning Masses today are every hour starting at 6 a.m. until 9 a.m., then at 12 noon. Afternoon Masses are at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Naic, Cavite, fiesta

The Immaculate Conception Shrine in Naic, Cavite, will hold its fiesta on Dec. 8, feast Day of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

The parish priest, Fr. Nonie Tibayan, will lead the celebration with the help of religious organizations. Cristina Agleis will represent the Sto. Niño Bambino de Aracoeli Chapel in the Filipino Paradise Complex in Naic.

Procession will take place at 7 p.m. Hermana Mayor in 2004 was lawyer Prescila Baylosis. The new *hermana* is Estrella Reyes.

Vassula visit

Visionary Vassula Ryden will visit the Philippines this month. Her schedule: Nov. 24, 2 p.m., at lawyer Leonardo Mamba Memorial Gymnasium in Tuao, Cagayan Valley; Nov. 26, 1 p.m., at Our Lady of Carmel, Mary Mediatrix of All Grace in Lipa City, Batangas; and Nov. 27, 1 p.m., Sacred Heart School-Jesuits Gymnasium in Gen. Maxilom Avenue, Cebu City. Text 0917-9704421.

New bishop

Msgr. Jack Jose, parish priest of St. William Cathedral, will be ordained the bishop of Urdaneta, Pangasinan, the papal nuncio, Archbishop Antonio Franco, on Nov. 26, 3 p.m., at St. William Cathedral. Thirty bishops and 300 priests are expected to attend.

Msgr. Jack is remembered for his daring attempt to restore the termite-ridden ceiling of the centuries-old cathedral despite objections.

With the help of the parishioners, the Diocese of Munich and some kind people, the ceiling was finished on time for Easter this year.

Since I am from Laoag, I will always remember Msgr. Jack with fondness. He has done so much. God bless you, monsignor, with good health and the energy to continue working for the Lord Healing Mass.

OUR LADY of Truth, Justice and Holiness in Cofradia procession

Fr. Nelson Osorio will hold a healing Mass on Nov. 22, at St. Joseph Church in San Jose, Batangas. Registration starts at 3 p.m.

Fr. Nelson is known to have been able to make a paralyzed person stand up and walk.

On Nov. 24, 6 p.m., Fr. Teofilo Rustia will hold a healing Mass at St. Francis Parish Church on Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong, to mark the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the INQUIRER, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.

LAGMAN-LEGASPI

Dr. **Arnold Lagman** and Dr. **Olive Legaspi** will exchange vows on Nov. 27, at Chapel of St. Joseph the Worker in Clarkfield, Pampanga. Reception will be at Grand Palazzo Royale in Angeles City. Lagman is the youngest son of **Lamberto** and **Iluminada David Lagman**. Legaspi is the youngest daughter of **Oscar Legaspi Sr.** and **Felina del Rosario Legaspi**. The bride's gown is by **Robert Zamora** of Marilao, Bulacan.

NOCHE-MALABANAN

Geraldine "Gigi" J. Malabanan, daughter of the late Dr. **Francisco L. Malabanan** and Dr. **Elena Joya Malabanan**, will exchange marriage vows with **Carlos Miguel "Cooky" Y. Noche**, son of Dr. **Miguel L. Noche Jr.** and **Lynette Yu-Noche** (deceased), on Dec. 3, at the Parish of St. James the Great in Ayala Alabang. The bride will wear a gown designed and executed by **Boysie Villavicencio.**

MAGPAYO-BUENVIAJE

Karlo G. Magpayo, son of Mr. and Ms **Louie Magpayo**, and **Abigail C. Buenviaje**, daughter of Mr. and Ms Albert **Buenviaje**, will wed on Nov. 21, at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City. Reception will follow at Mandarin Oriental Hotel. The bride will wear a strapless gown, designed by **Veluz Reyes**.

PUERTO-RELOPEZ

Leo Dennis Puerto, son of **Leonardo** and **Melda Puerto**, will exchange vows with **Ana Mae Relopez**, daughter of **Leopoldo** and **Phoebe Relopez**, on Dec. 10 at Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Redemptorist) Church, Bajada, Davao City. Dinner will follow at the Grand Men Seng Hotel. The bride and groom and the entourage will wear creations of **Janice Avisado** of Knots Forever.

ALBANO DEBUT

Romiena Mae Albano celebrated her birthday last Nov. 1. She wore a fairy tale-inspired gown designed by **Galoy Marfil.**

ZAMORA-ALVAREZ

Ronaldo Antonio Reyes Zamora, son of **Ramon** and **Ma. Erlinda Zamora**, will marry **Kristine Joy Quianzon Alvarez**, daughter of Commodore **Victorio Abarquez Alvarez** and **Carolina Diaz Quianzon**, on Dec. 9 at the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Cocktails and dinner will follow at the main ballroom of The Manila Polo Club, Forbes Park, Makati City.

The reason behind breakup

DEAR EMILY,

It's been months since my boyfriend of three months and I broke up. He was my first. I don't mind the breakup. It was the way our relationship ended that hurts. What caused our breakup was my refusal to have sex with him. He didn't actually tell me that, but I could really feel it in his action. He had told me that he and his ex-girlfriend used to do it. After I refused him, I felt his coldness. I was not waiting for us to get married, but I needed to be certain that we were right for each other. But it seemed my boyfriend couldn't wait any longer.

I was so hurt, and until now, I can say that I have not gotten over him. I keep telling myself that had I agreed to have sex with him, maybe we would still be together.

Do most couples nowadays have sex before they are married? I know it's still a matter of choice, but is it really the normal trend? Is it now a must? By the way, I'm already 24 years old.

CURIOUS JANE

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

Didn't this guy feel honored that you chose him to be your first boyfriend? Wasn't he proud that he met someone who valued her virtue at the cost of losing him? That your relationship with him lasted only three months tells a lot about how superficial he is. And you're just a woman in love not to see his true character from your blurred rose-colored view. Isn't love just blind?

You're asking if couples practice sex before marriage. Is it the trend these days? Is it a must? The answer is yes and no. Many do casual sex as if they were just going to the gym for exercise and to "relieve" tensions. They sweat out their urges without batting an eyelash or thinking of the consequences of their action. That is perfectly acceptable for some people, especially if their conscience hardly bothers them.

However, if you do it against your will, you may later suffer from guilt. So be glad he left you. Had you given in to his sexual overtures and been abandoned soon after, you would have remorse and even felt suicidal perhaps.

To some sex is still sacred, no matter how constipated that sounds. They will wait until they find the right person who shares their belief. It's all a matter of choice. Some who wait until marriage for sex may have been disappointed. But still some "liberated" women go all the way all the time in search of that one frog who'll turn into a prince and find happiness—at last. Only a few are lucky. Many others fail to find it.

Had your boyfriend truly fallen in love with you, he would have courted you and waited until you were both comfortable enough with each other to go on to the next level of your relationship. Maybe... But his interest in you expired in three months! Your boyfriend was in search of "adventure" and when he didn't find it in you, he dropped you. Doesn't that say volumes about his sleazy character?

Don't let this traumatic experience change you from what you truly believe in. Who cares if you're old-fashioned? It only matters if it is making you unhappy. But be happy because you broke up with a creep who didn't really value you. Someday, someone will come and realize what a gem you are. You are only 24! Don't add "already" when you give your age. That smacks of desperation! Desperate women become a prey to sleazeballs like your ex-boyfriend. They think you'd do anything to get out of that desperate situation. Are you?

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, subject Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," Monday to Friday from 7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on dwBR 104.3 FM.

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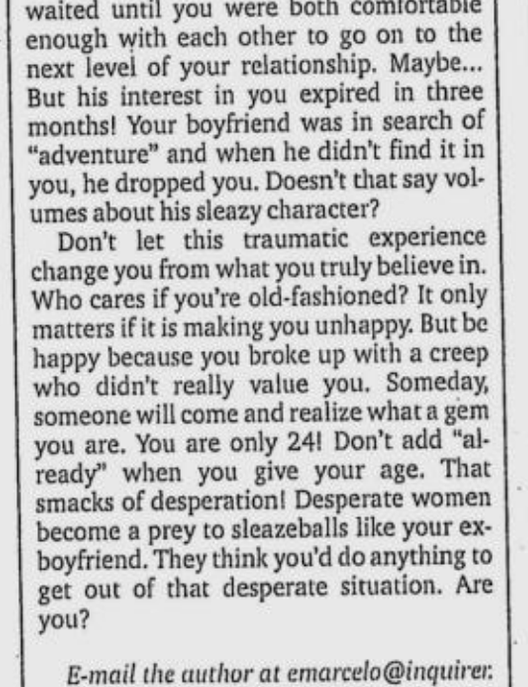

Makati Rotary's annual Christmas bazaar

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI and their Anns will once again launch the season of hope and giving with a big bang on Nov. 27 at the Hotel InterContinental, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Makati's 18th Annual Christmas Bazaar this year will be its biggest and brightest, offering the latest items for the home, toys, clothes, books and decor. A definite plus are the features unique to the Rotary Club of Makati Bazaar: the White Elephant Table, where one can discover "treasures" at very reasonable prices; the Gourmet Table with a varied spread of gastronomic treats; and the Last Angel Tree, where shoppers are given the opportunity to share their Christmas spirit and share their blessings with less-fortunate children.

Hanging on the tree are close to a thousand name tags of boys and girls whose eyes will surely light up when they receive a gift from you on Christmas Day.

The Bazaar will benefit the various Club outreach projects such as monthly Medical Missions; The Save-An-Eye Project, which assists indigent eye patients with consultation and surgery; The Books Across the Seas project, which has distributed over seven million books to public schools and libraries throughout the Philippines; and a community development project working hand in hand with Gawad Kalinga.

First Ann Terry Tambunting, spouse of Rotary Club of Makati President Jesus "Sonny" Tambunting, spearheads this endeavor with the involvement of other Rotary Anns, among them Marilou Alejandro, Gloria Garcia, Lii Dominguez, Mimi Valerio, Caling Young, Maureen Soong, Jocy Roque, Evelyn Galve, Chit Marty, Et Librea, Tesha Garcia, Milette Carlos, Cherry Claravall, Mariza V. del Rosario, Lorraine Feliciano, Jean Chavez, Sue Ann Malig-Nolido, Bina Nandwani, Jojo Borromeo, Brin Panlinlio, Teody Buenaflor, Vicky Cantada, Zeny Floresca, Tere Boyer, Lu Limjoco, Cecil Varela, Lilibeth Herbosa and Menchit Ordoveza.

MARIZA del Rosario, Mimi Valerio, Marilou Alejandro, Terry Tambunting (First Ann, overall chair) and Jojo Borromeo. Second row: Maureen Soong, Chit Marty, Et Librea, Zeny Floresca, Teody Buenaflor, Tere Boyer and Lorraine Feliciano. Standing: Cherry Claravall, Caling Young, Menchit Ordoveza, Lilibeth Herbosa, Tesha Garcia and Brin Panlilio

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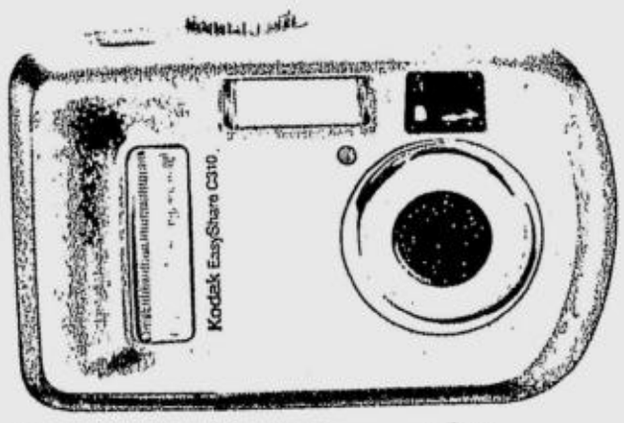

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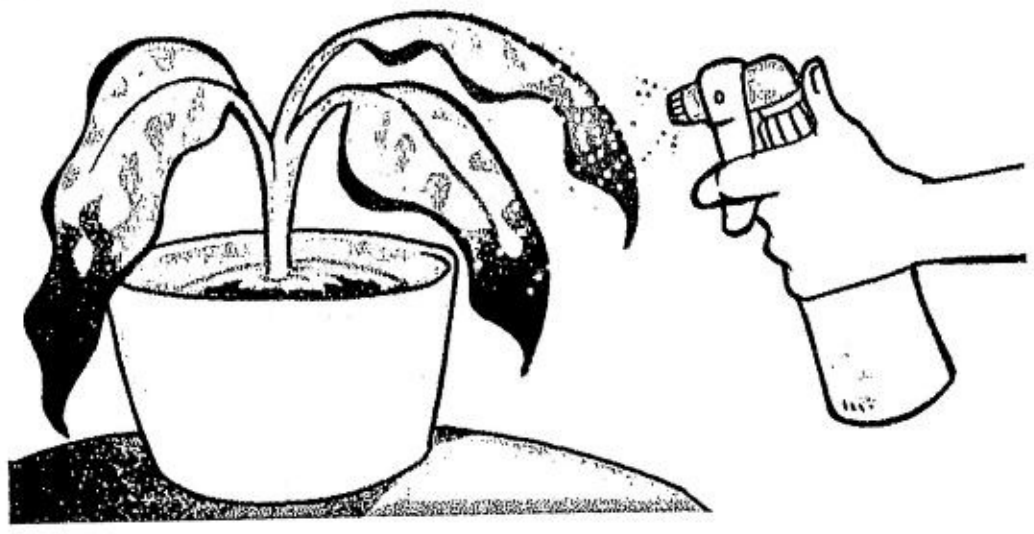

Healing plant 'burns'

By Serapion S. Metilla
Contributor

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS MANY HOMEowners face in maintaining ornamental plants indoors, or even outdoors, is burnt tips of plant's leaves.

Though the plants may look fresh and green at the beginning, after a week or so, burnt tips—brownish and black in appearance—begin to show, making them inappropriate for decoration.

This unattractive appearance is caused by dryness of soil, low humidity and lack of light. Thus, it is advisable to apply water generously on the soil medium and to mist the leaves with clean water using a fine sprayer, at least two to three times daily.

You will notice that moisture on the leaves will disappear after a few minutes. Actually, they evaporate and get suspended in the air around the plants. The presence of moisture in the air is what we call humidity which is what most plants need.

Lack of light will also cause the ugly appearance of plants. They would look pale and "leggy" (unnaturally elongated) and would develop dead parts after about a month.

One way to help them survive indoors is to provide sufficient light such as the ones used for aquariums. Ask pet-shop owners about lights suitable for plants. Lights should be placed at least 2-2½ ft over the crown of the plants. Switch on the lights from about 6 a.m. to about 10 p.m. for at least 16 hours of light daily. Mist the leaves every day.

When plants start to look pale and leggy, bring them out to a greenhouse or under shady trees to help them recover. Replace them with another set of fresh and sturdy ones. Rotate at least five sets of plants for indoors.

GREEN TIPS

Some outdoor plants, especially during the hot, dry season, will also turn yellowish and develop burnt tips because of the scorching heat. To correct the situation, place two layers of green or black agricultural net overhead, to reduce the heat by at least 50 percent.

Mist the leaves at regular intervals at least three times a day. When the rains come or when the temperature goes down probably in July or August, you may remove the net. Gradually, new sets of fresh green leaves will appear. The rains, after the dry season, carry nitrogen, an important element for the growth of plants.

Not all plants can be brought indoors. Some hardy plants you can bring indoors are palms such as the rhapis, Chamaedoreas, rattan and palmeras; dracaena, like the godseffianas, fragrans and sanderianas; aroids such as philodendrons, aglaonemas, dieffenbachias, scheffleras and polyscias; and most succulents like cacti, euphorbias, agaves and others belonging to the Liliaceae family.

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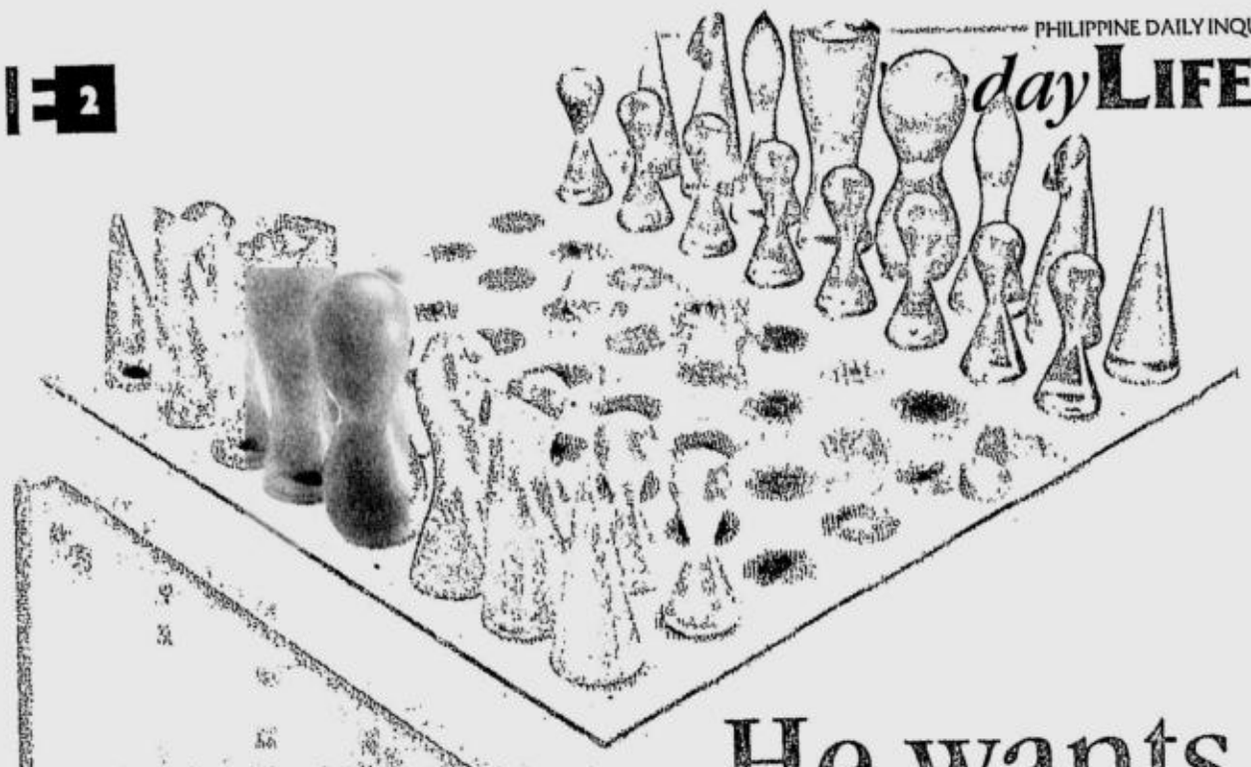

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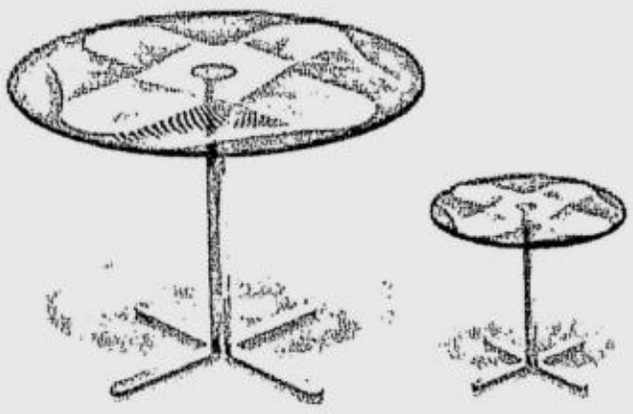

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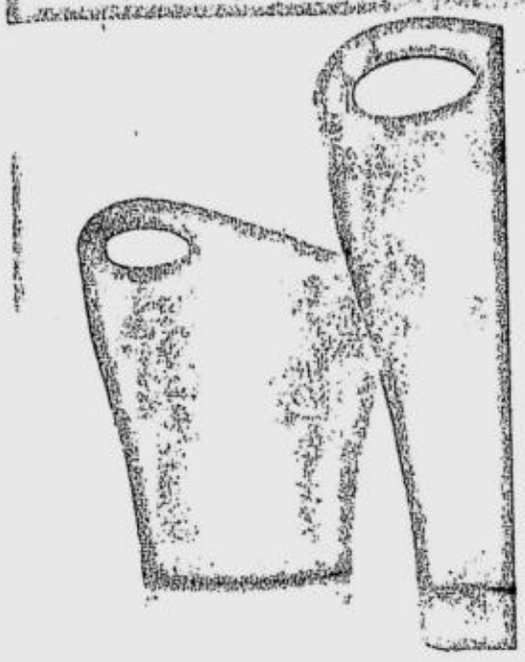

UMBRA Garbo trash can (Canada)

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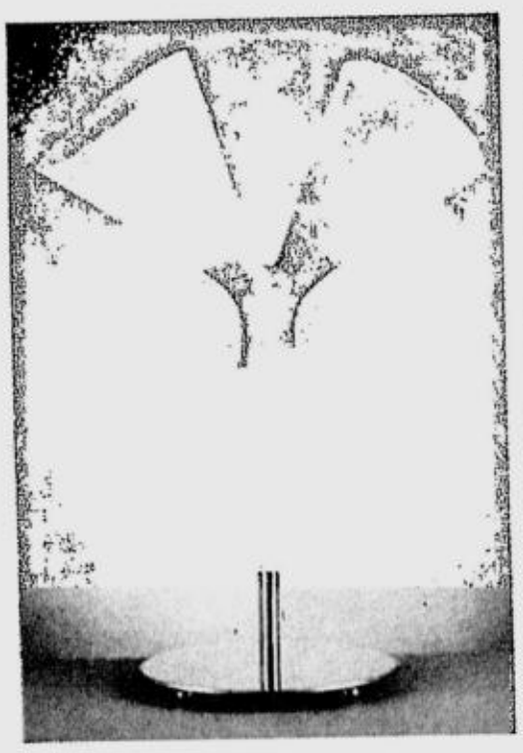


TRIPTIK lamp

By Rowena C. Burgos

Karim Rashid is the international design world's wunderkind

PHOTO: RODEL ROTONI

FOR KARIM RASHID, GOOD DESIGN should be inspiring and accessible, but not costly.

This prolific industrial designer, who elevated a plastic Umbra trash can to design icon, isn't content to design a sofa that only 100 people can afford. His aim is to create everyday objects that create experiences. "If it doesn't beautify your surroundings or enhance your life, why have it?" he says.

As a product designer, Rashid creates the stuff of daily domestic life: sofas, chairs, candlesticks, table lamps, CD players, perfume bottles, cigarette lighters, and rooms to put all that stuff in. His designs reflect his philosophy of living completely in the present. "I want to develop things that are about this day and age in which we live, because the reality is, we don't live in the past. If I go out tomorrow to buy a coffee table for my home, why isn't that coffee table a kind of celebration, why isn't it in a relationship to this day and age?" Rashid says.

Rashid has just lectured on "Beautiful Shrinking World" at Every Nation Institute, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. His Manila visit is part of Manila Now! Philippine International Furniture Show 2006 organized by the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines.

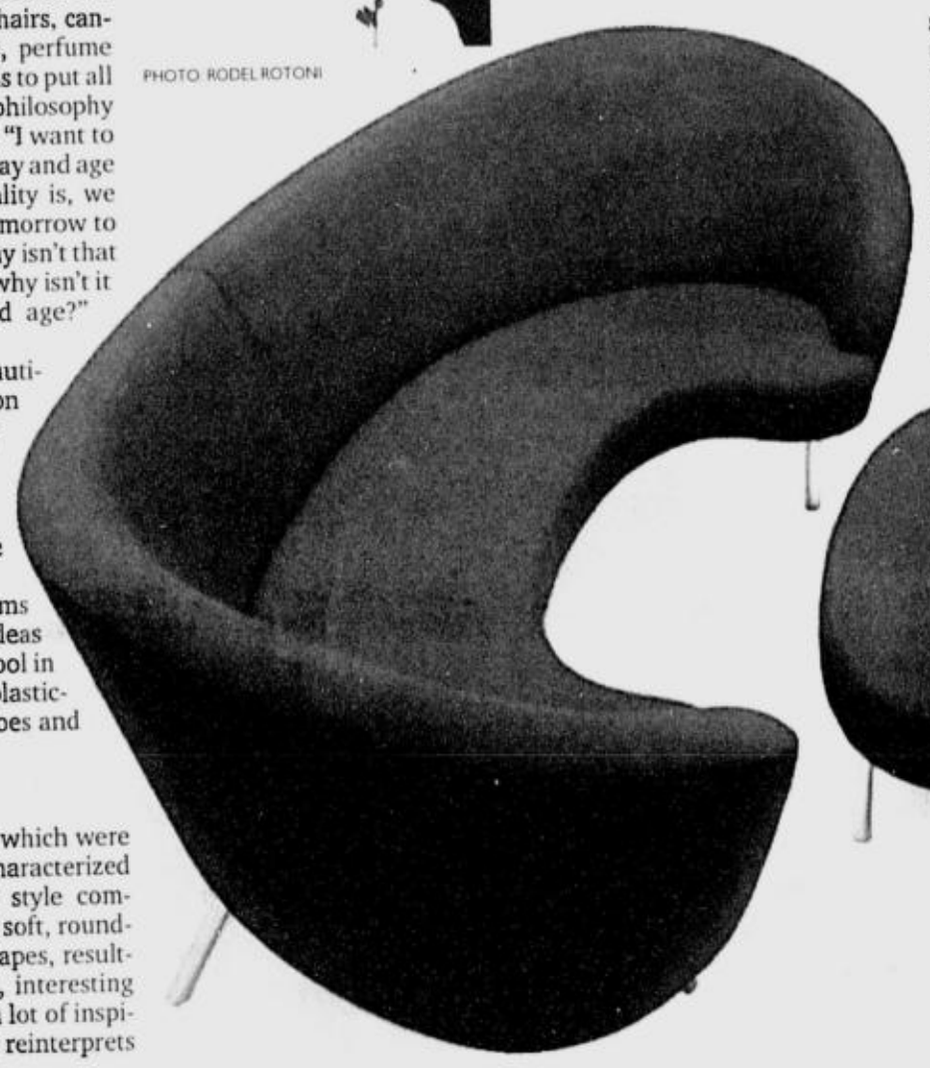
No one in the design world seems happier to wear the wacky-ideas crown than Rashid, who looked cool in white and wore oversized, mod, plastic-framed glasses, white running shoes and two blob-like silver rings.

Sensual minimalism

Rashid's creations, samples of which were shown during the lecture, are characterized by "sensual minimalism." Such style combines clean and simple lines with soft, rounded, organic, even biomorphic, shapes, resulting in objects that are beautiful, interesting and fun. Even though he draws a lot of inspiration from other design eras, he reinterprets them in a very futuristic way.

His shapes are possible because he creates his designs on computers. He's enamored of technology and how its efficiency reduces manufacturing costs, allowing him to be a designer for the middle class, not just for habitués of high-end galleries. His best-selling product so far is a curvaceous translucent-plastic wastebasket named Garbo, introduced by Umbra in 1996 and sold throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Garbo is "not just a garbage can. It's a beautiful vessel that's used in a variety of ways, from champagne bucket to child's toy container."

Rashid's particular brand of modernist elegance has generated international buzz, earning him contracts from Idee, Issey Miyake, Sony, Totem, Umbra, Prada, Estee Lauder, Nambe, Magis, Mikasa, Edra, Herman Miller, Foscarini, Shiseido and Giorgio Armani.



ORGY sofa and ottoman

Tremendous talent

In 1993, Karim Rashid was sleeping on the floor of his brother's New York apartment while peddling his industrial design portfolio from office to unreceptive office. That didn't last long, though. Two years later, the Museum of Modern Art included a couple of his pieces in a show called "Mutant Materials in Contemporary Design." Today he's spending the nights—when he's not on a job or lecturing—in his own sleek loft.

Underlying Rashid's tremendous talent is his passion. "I do what I do because I want to. It's in my DNA. It's a personal obsession," he says.

On the road or in New York, Rashid is multitasking in motion. He puts in more than 70 hours a week, including weekends, and he rarely takes time off. His brain seems to operate in overdrive, and he is overflowing with observations and opinions about design. In 2000, he ended a decade of teaching at three top US design schools to finish his first book, "Karim Rashid: I Want to Change the World."

Rashid's roots are far from the New York scene. He was born in Cairo to an Egyptian father and a British mother. The family left Egypt when he was two years old and later settled in Toronto, where his father, an artist by training, worked as a set designer for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. He encouraged his son's interest in art and design. At 12, the younger Rashid painted his bedroom orange. "My mom was upset, but my father loved it," he says.

He earned industrial design degrees from Carleton University in Ottawa, attended graduate school in Naples, and worked in Milan for a year before returning to Toronto to work for KAN Industrial Designers. He started at the bottom, making things like space heaters and a drug-detection machine used by customs officials. His first big seller was a plastic snow shovel.

He followed his elder brother Hani, an architect, to New York and opened Karim Rashid Inc. in 1993. In the years following the display at the Museum of Modern Art, more than 70 of his designs have been added to permanent collections in museums worldwide. These days, he's working hardest on a new frontier, interior decorating, starting with hotels in Los Angeles and New York; he's also doing architecture for another hotel in Athens.

Interestingly, Rashid does not consider himself successful—yet. "I think I am just beginning," he says. If that's the case, his future accomplishments just may include taking over the world. No doubt he'd make it a much cooler place.

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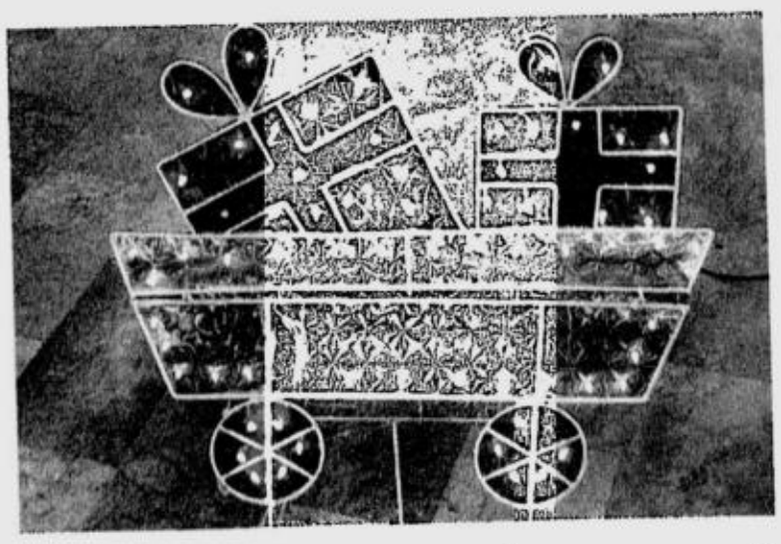
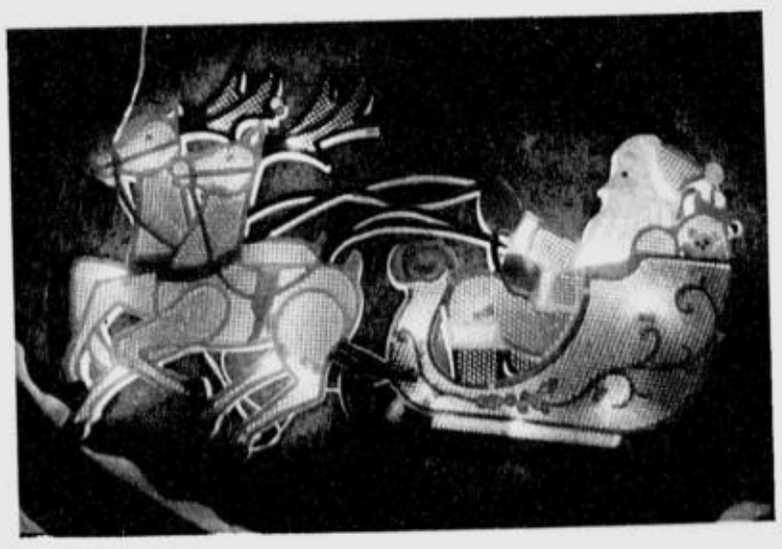


OUTDOOR Christmas light in cart- and gift-boxes design



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OUTDOOR Christmas light in Christmas-tree design

Entrepreneurship Soars High in PUP

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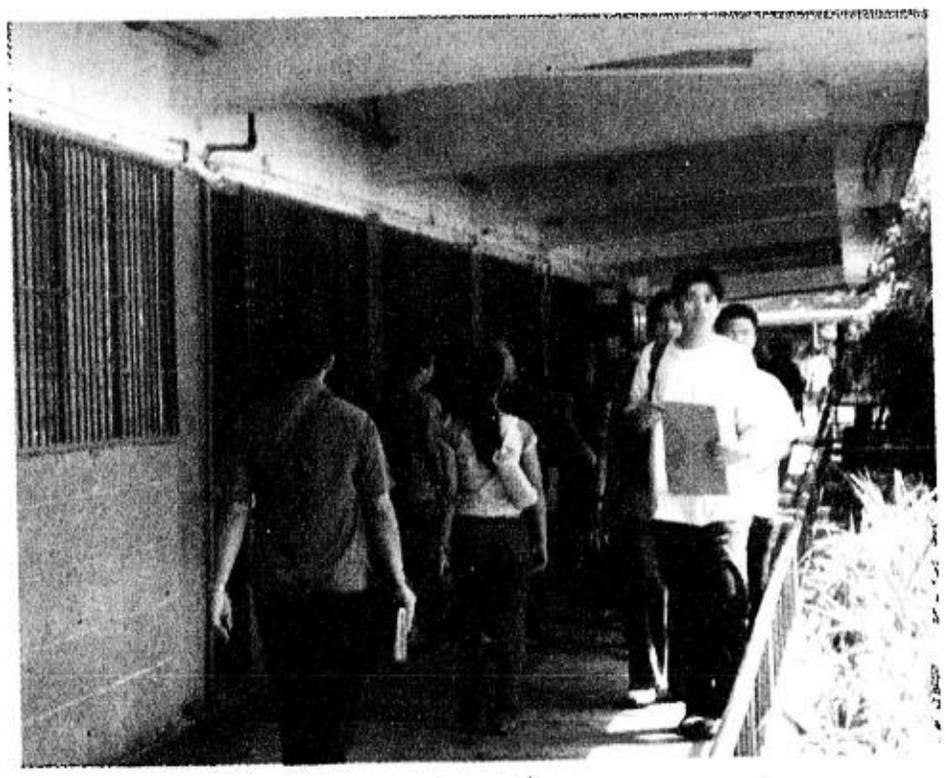
More and more students are embracing the opportunities entrepreneurship provides. In the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, the Junior Management Society (JMS) celebrated their 20th Management Week with a seminar on how to start your own business. The SMART Entrepreneurial Program (SEP) was invited together with the Center for Small Entrepreneurs to speak to future managers who are also interested in running their own enterprise.



Close to three hundred (300) students from the Department of Management filled the Hernandez Hall. Most of them were juniors encouraged by their professors to take advantage of this opportunity to learn the necessary entrepreneurial skills that make business start-ups a success.

For Glenn Jason Semira, fourth year student and officer of JMS, the choice to expose himself to entrepreneurship increases his chances of finding employment. By expanding his background on business he gains an edge over others. Hopefully, when he graduates next year, he will land a job in one of the government companies.

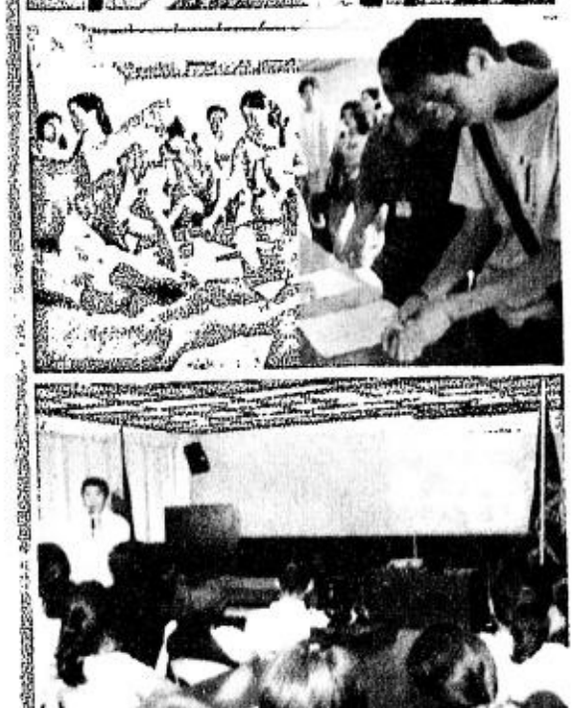
Through seminars like SEP, students are given an immediate or future alternative to employment. It also enables them to gain knowledge of traits and skills that will ultimately make them better at what they do, and improve their chances of successfully entering the workforce.

Glenn Jason Semira,
fourth year student and
officer of JMS

Manny on Entrepreneurship

"The challenge for business today, and in the coming years, should by now be obvious: to create corporate cultures that encourage and reward integrity as much vigorous entrepreneurship."

--Manuel V. Pangilinan
PLDT and SMART Chairman



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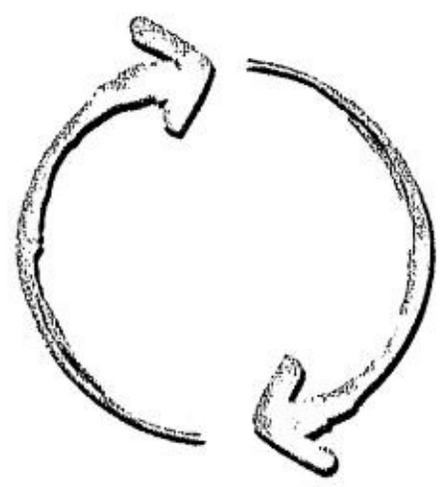

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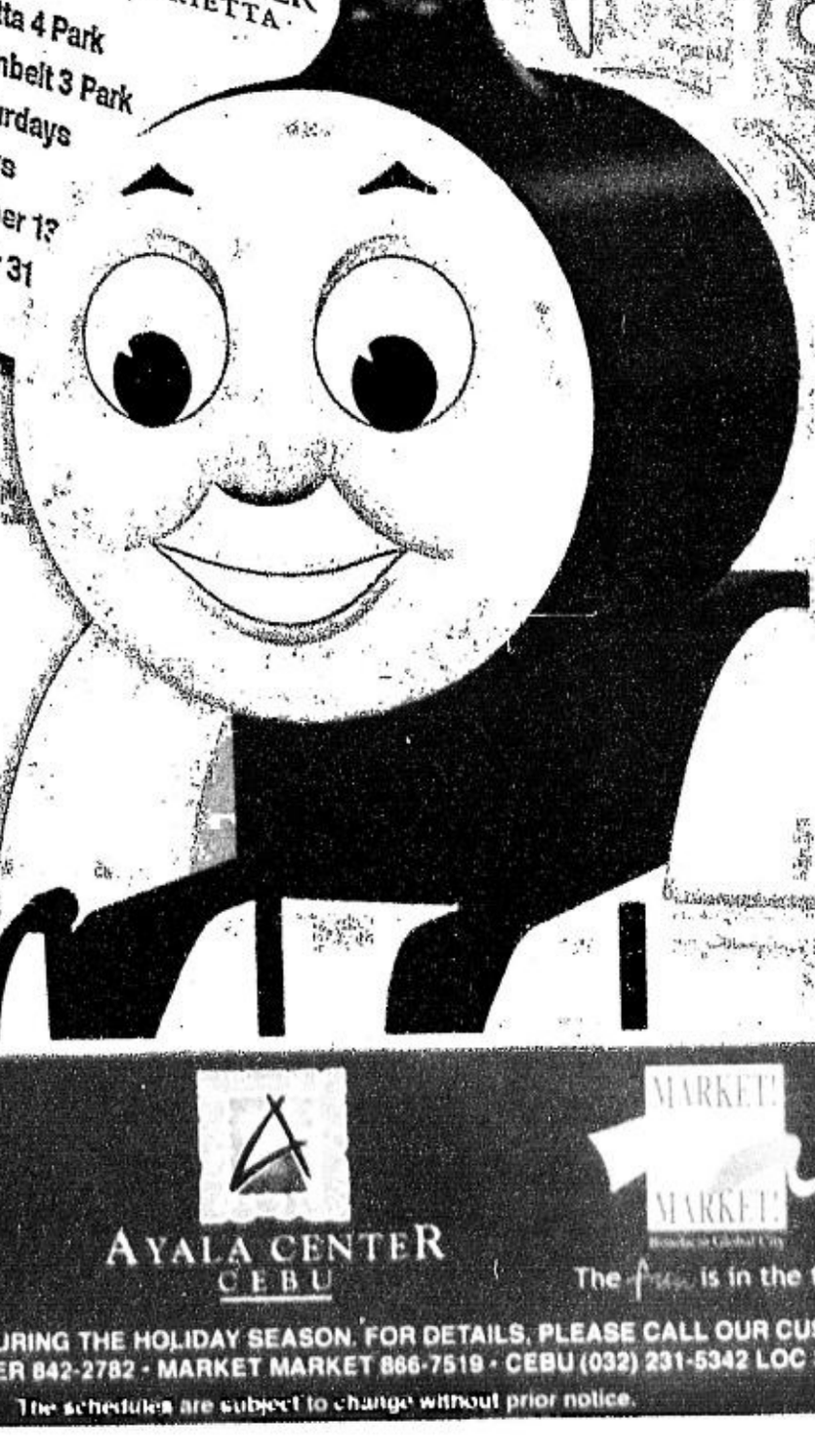

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IT WAS OUR FIRST TRIP TO Alaska to attend the 8th World Wilderness Congress in Anchorage.

Alaska has always excited me, with its images of ice caps, polar bears, glaciers and fjords. It is truly Earth's last frontier.

Our trip last month began on board Alaska Airlines, bringing to mind the accident that occurred on an MD-80 aircraft of the same airline years ago. Thankfully, this flight was restful, especially after the long transpacific flight from Manila to Seattle.

Through the plane window, we had a wonderful view of Mt. Logan (the second highest mountain in North America) and Mt. McKinley (also known by its original Athabaskan name, Denali, or "the great one").

All we could see was the whiteness of snow and ice, so clean and pure that we felt we were on top of the world, near Heaven's door.

If only this were the case at home and many other Third World countries whose environment continues to be degraded. (We seem to have forgotten the disasters in the provinces of Ormoc, Quezon and Aurora, because logging continues unabated.)

Climate change

As I write this, the effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita are still being assessed.

It seems people all over the world value the environment only after a disaster occurs and they are personally affected. For one thing, they are still debating whether the hurricanes were caused by global warming and climate change or, incredibly, were just freak storms.

While all countries, except for the United States and Australia, have signed the Kyoto Climate Change Protocol, the weather has changed all over the planet. The record floods and forest fires in Europe and Asia have devastated countries, peoples, cultures and economies.

The world has definitely changed. It is our hope that last month's Wilderness Congress will make a difference and send a strong message to the powers that be that the threat is real.

We cannot fight a war against nature because we just won't win. We are one with nature; she gives us life. We must pay rent to live in God's creation.

Meltdown

The Anchorage Daily News reports that the Arctic ice meltdown continues its rapid pace. The Arctic sea ice has melted back farther this year than in 25 years of satellite monitoring, making the past summer the fourth consecutive summer with a stunning reduction in the polar pack north of Alaska, Asia and Europe, according to scientists at the National Snow and Ice Data Center and NASA.

Should this trend continue, the effects will be catastrophic. The temperature will soar, and humankind and wildlife will be in danger of extinction.

Greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced—and this is a fact.

Wilderness areas are good not only for biodiversity conservation but also for the soul and spirit.

As Clem Tillion, former Senate president of the state of Alaska, said when he first moved there more than 40 years ago as a young man: "You must think like the mountains: You take care of me and I will take care of you." (Both have kept their promise.)

'Cradle of mankind'

On the first plenary day of the Wilderness Congress, Dr. Ian Player of South Africa delivered the keynote address, which was one of the most inspiring speeches we have ever heard.

When he spoke about the "cradle of mankind" and how man has destroyed a planet that God had created so well, the applause was thundering.

Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Echandi, Costa Rica's minister for the environment, energy and mining, spoke of how the Costa Rican government had banned oil drilling, mining and deforestation, and how the wilderness had given them so much more income that

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Boracay is simply a year-round feast

DINNER at Friday's served with a cultural show

CHILLING out by the sea: Paradise can be enjoyed even when summer is gone.

NATIVE treatment and vibrant colors at the Bamboo Suite of Sea Wind

No off season in *paradise*

Text and photos by September Mahino
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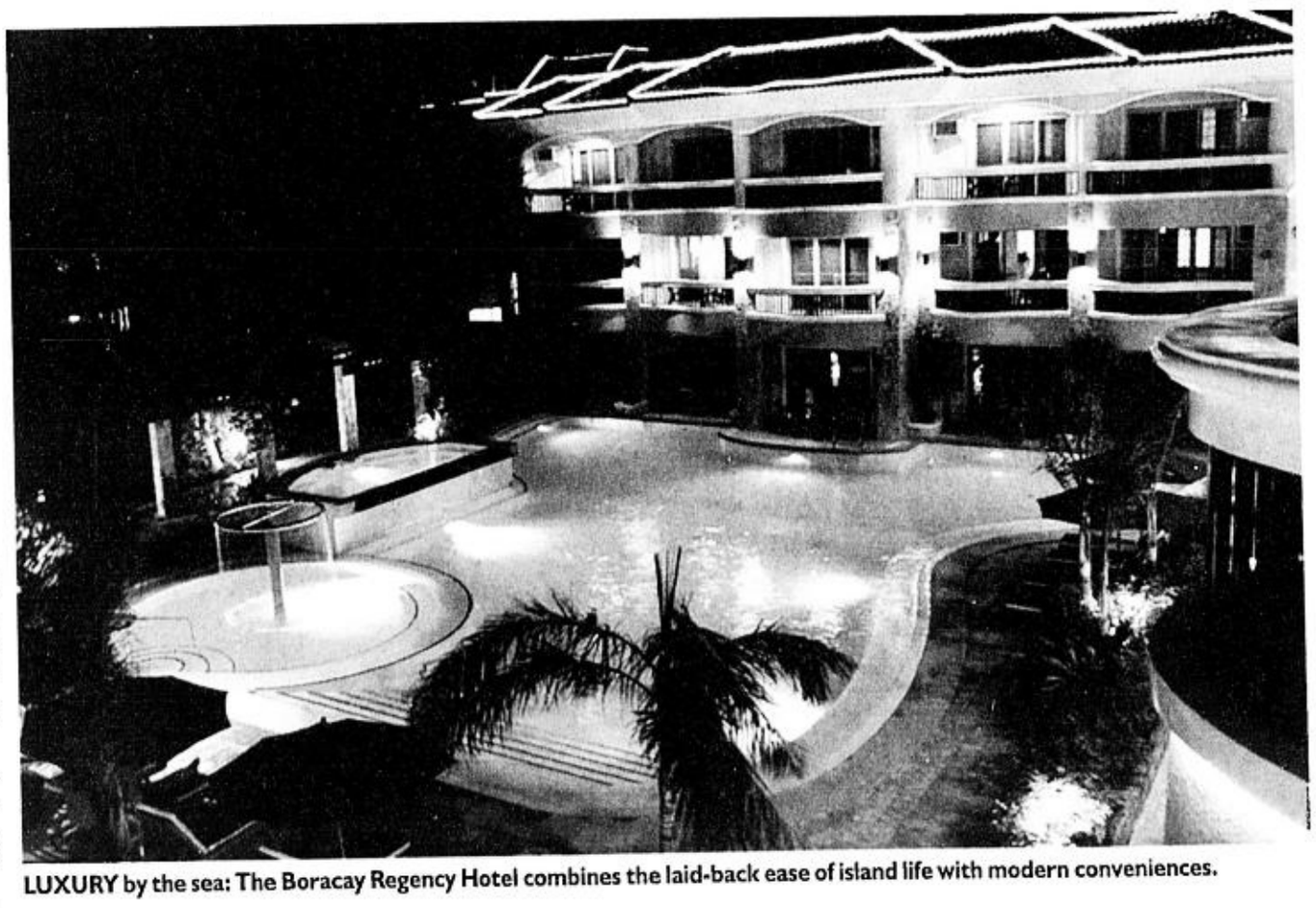
EVEN IN THE RAINY SEASON, Boracay's world-famous pristine white sand and clear blue waters are still strong draws for tourists, both from here and abroad. Occasional drizzles may put a damper on the tanning and body-surfing sessions, but there are still plenty of diversions to be enjoyed in the island.

Touring four of the premium hotel resorts around the island while enjoying sumptuous lunches and dinners, one got a taste of what it was like to enjoy Boracay when the crowds were thinner, the tide higher and the nights quieter—and better.



LUXURY by the sea: The Boracay Regency Hotel combines the laid-back ease of island life with modern conveniences.

All-time favorite

One of the first stops of the first day was everybody's all-time favorite beachfront hotel, the Boracay Regency. Along with other establishments that have set up shop by the seaside, the Regency has boarded up for the rainy season with wave breakers. People need not fret, though, as the only downside to this safety measure is a limited view of the beach.

Massages by the sea, an all-time favorite relaxation treat, can still be enjoyed, this time with the luxury of more privacy and quiet. The seasport thrill parasurfing is also still being offered to the more adventurous types.

Hanging habagat notwithstanding, the Regency is fully booked the whole-year round with tourists from within and outside the country. Famous for its five-star amenities such as spacious suites, Wifi services and deluxe infinity pools within the hotel grounds, to name a few, the hotel combines the best of city conveniences with the tranquility of island life.

This is probably why the Regency is the honeymoon hotel of choice of most foreigners. Aside from the unfailing hospitality of the staff, the hotel always tries to upgrade the kind of enjoyment they can offer to patrons.

Right now, there is the Wave, Boracay's only underground bar, which is a trendy alternative to the usual Cocomangas and Hey Jude. With Ilonggo live bands performing to enthusiastic crowds composed of fellow Pinoys, Caucasians and, more distinctly, Koreans, Wave transforms into an unexpectedly hip melting pot every evening.

But on top of all these modern comforts and diversions that the hotel has to offer, there is the overlooked and, apparently, the best-kept secret why Boracay Regency is the beachfront hotel to stay at. Its mocha frapuccino is so creamy and sinfully rich it simply tastes of heaven.

Culture and history

Boracay's reputation as the ultimate summer paradise has made people forget the rich history that the island has. It's a good thing Sea Wind, another topnotch beachfront hotel, has taken the initiative to put up a small museum where tourists can immerse themselves in something more than the beach-bum culture.

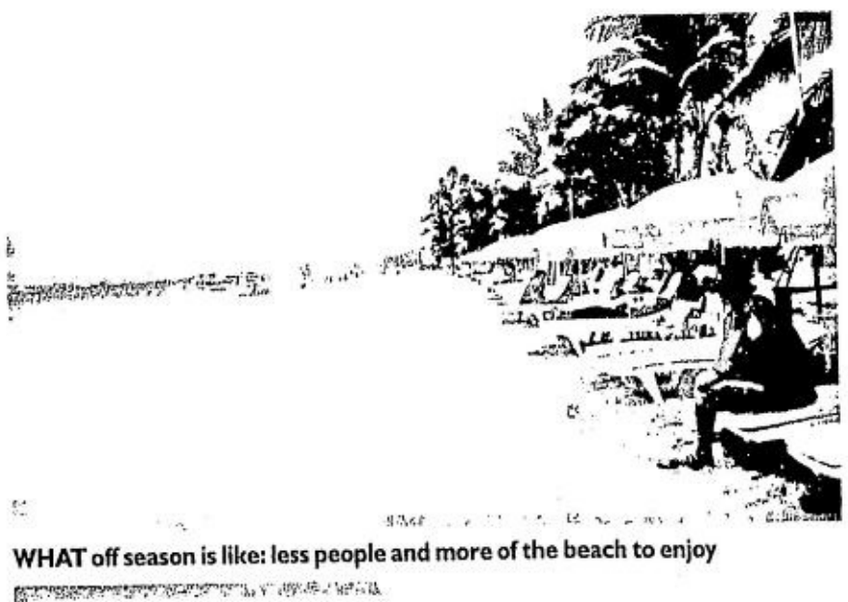
Artifacts, left behind by Chinese trading ships and lovingly preserved by the Tirol family, as well as artworks by local artists, show a different side of Boracay and attest to the fact that, even before and despite the commercial success that has permanently put the island on the map, there is a colorful culture and history to be had in this year-round hotspot.

With its tranquil beachfront, Sea Wind has fast become a prime wedding and honeymoon spot in Boracay. The spacious grounds and verdant gardens make for the perfect setting for such a romantic celebration, along with the resort's various accommodations, all designed around native themes.

The typical love seats and canopied beds get a tropical island twist, as they are crafted from old wood sourced from all over the country and are further accented with *sinamay* weave cloth, adding to the native charm of the place.

Beachfront suites also feature nice little porches where vacationers can take in the heavenly view of the sea in relative comfort, privacy and shade, and the soundproof walls of the bamboo room suites make them most suitable, as well as sellable, for newlyweds.

For couples who prefer a little more privacy and quiet, Sea Wind also provides "satellite" suites at the J.T.C. Coral Hills, located just across the road, with similar deluxe accommodations offering the same native treatment. Ensconced in lushly planted terrain, these newer suites simply beckon to those who want to feel as if they are back in their favorite province, only this time with a world-class beach just a few meters away.



WHAT off season is like: less people and more of the beach to enjoy

Real getaway

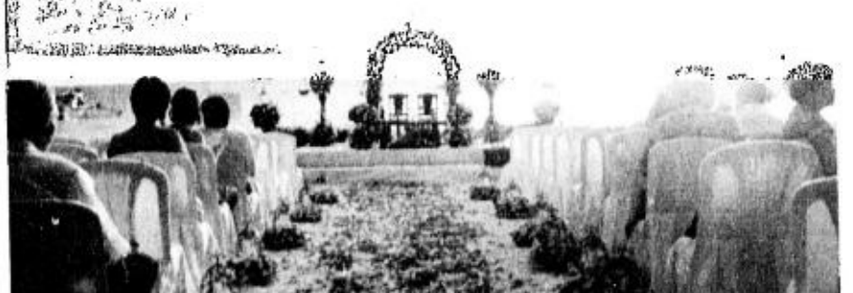
For those who want to experience a real getaway, far from the noise of nightlife and the congestion of crowds, Fairways and Bluewaters is the perfect place to stay in. A good 10- to 15-minute ride away from Station 2, it is located almost at the opposite side of the island, but the sprawling country club's 18-hole par 72 world class golf course, complete with a panoramic view of the whole island, makes for a grand payoff for the distance.

Because of its remote location from the wining and dining centers of Boracay, the Fairways' villas offer accommodations that come complete with dining and kitchen areas. Ideal for family vacations, patrons can choose to hole up in their beautiful Mulligan rooms, doing their own cooking or enjoying the efficient services of the Fairways staff, or they can choose to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

With shuttle services available round-the-clock, nothing can possibly be more relaxing than taking in the view of the lushly green rolling hills made even more scenic with waterways and lakes. Nothing, that is, unless you count having a private beach to yourself.

Boasting of two beach strips—the East and the West—Fairways is definitely the ideal place for those who want to hold cozy, "by-invite only" beach fêtes, complete with private luau, bonfire, tiki bar and *videoke* machine.

MEADOW with a view: Fairways' famous 72-hole golf course with ocean scene



A WALK down the aisle by the sea. With its sprawling and private beachfront, Sea Wind is a favorite for weddings.

Original scene

The last evening of the media trip was properly capped off with dinner at Friday's Boracay.

Known for its stellar treatment of its patrons—guests are picked up at the Caticlan airport and jetted off immediately to the resort's private shores—Friday's Boracay boasts of a

120-seater beachfront restaurant that serves Asian, European, Fusion and Filipino cuisine.

A relaxing ambience, created through the resort's use of native materials and the soft sounds of the nearby sea, makes the restaurant all the more inviting.

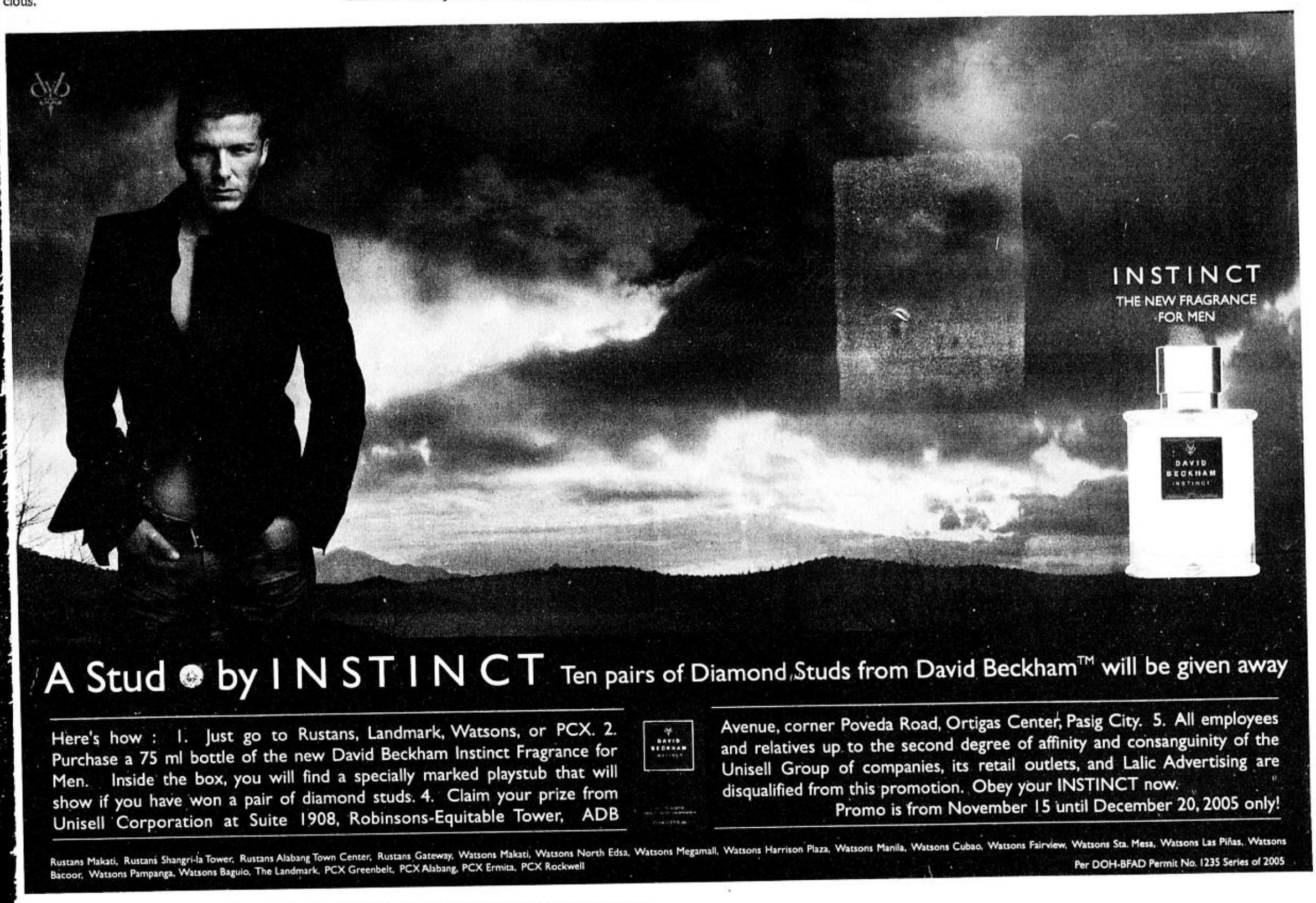
A prime example of the famed Friday's cuisine is the very Filipino *kilawin* dish, this time served with mango sherbet on top: quite unusual but undeniably delicious.

One of the first five-star hotels in Boracay, Friday's has native cottage-styled rooms arranged in a garden around a beach courtyard. Vacationers can opt to stay in the Premiere rooms, located just up the stairs from the swimming pool, to enjoy a private veranda, a very large bathroom with elegant bathtub and showers facing large floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook lush tropical landscaping.

Combined with personalized and friendly service from the staff, it's quite easy to see why the Friday's accommodations are a perennial Boracay favorite, whether during peak seasons or not. It's a tropical paradise where enjoyments never fade, regardless of the weather.

Aside from serving the media a sumptuous farewell dinner, Friday's also staged a cultural show for everyone's entertainment. Local talents dazzled the diners with their expertise in Filipino folk dances, from *itik-itik* to *pandanggo sa ilaw* to *tinikling*. Enthusiastic diners were encouraged to participate in the dancing.

The performers were a living testimony to the natural artistry of Filipinos, the beauty of traditional Filipino culture and the intrinsic hospitality for which the country is known all over the world. The four days spent in Boracay could not have ended on a better, more festive note.



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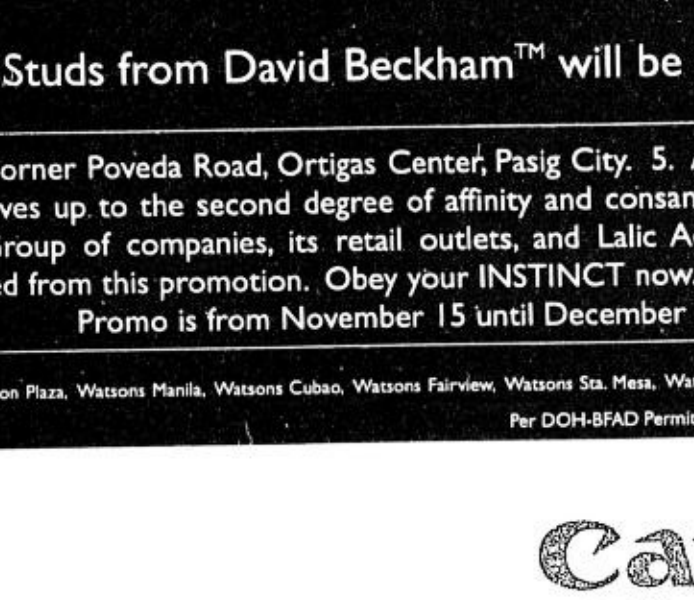

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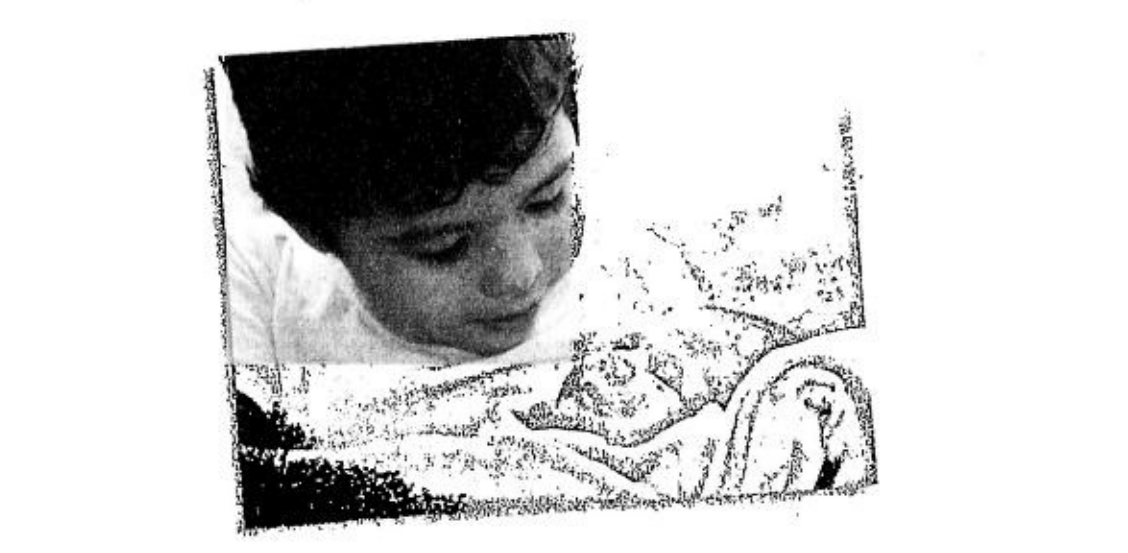

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Earth's last frontier

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they had even instituted a biodiversity tax incentive.

Echandi also mentioned the many grievous practices of multinational corporations and First World countries that had brought about climate change.

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, echoed Echandi's observations and narrated how her people had been experiencing the realities of global warming.

The ice is melting and species from the tropics have migrated north, she said.

Her warning was clear: The rising temperature means that the age of extinction has come.

VIEW of the Kenai Mountains on the way to Seward town

Global commons

David Rockefeller Jr. spoke on the importance of ocean ownership ethics and the global commons that must be protected.

Dr. Sylvia Earle stressed the value of the oceans and the necessity of conserving the marine environment that gives us life.

Dr. Trista Patterson, an ecological economist of the US Department of Agriculture forest service, informed the delegates that ecosystem services were producing more than $33 trillion in ecological economic benefits yearly, unlike the extractive industries such as mining that destroy the environment.

The Wilderness Congress brimmed with information on the importance of wilderness areas, vital statistics to show how much we would derive from conserving the environment, and the compassion and commitment required to save our dying planet.

It's true: We can all make a difference and reverse the destruction.

Bouncing back

Anchorage is a beautiful city.

It was Good Friday on March 27, 1964, when an earthquake shook Anchorage and devastated it, the city being part of the Aleutian Chain and of the Pacific Ocean's "Ring of Fire."

Today, Anchorage has bounced back—and has developed into a center of commerce.

Lake Hood and Lake Spenard are home to scaplanes which one can board to view the many scenic sites of Alaska.

The lakes boast of more air traffic than most commercial airports. It is a site I have never seen before—a lake airport without birds and boats.

We traveled south to Seward, a town 120 miles from Anchorage, to view the Kenai Mountains and the fjords.

Here where glaciers and wildlife abound, one can say that Alaska is indeed the last frontier—and it must be preserved.

But we were sad to note that when Alaska became the 49th state of the United States in 1959, concessions were made to allow the federal government to extract its mineral wealth, endangering the very fragile environment.

There are plans to explore its oil reserves to run the US engine. Opposition to the plan has risen quickly, but more than that, the issue of global warming and climate change is crying out to be addressed.

We urge all governments to ratify the Kyoto Climate Change Protocol and reduce greenhouse gases. We also urge our own government and lawmakers to ratify the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol.

If not, we can say goodbye to Alaska and farewell to Planet Earth.

The author is the president of the Ecological Society of the Philippines.

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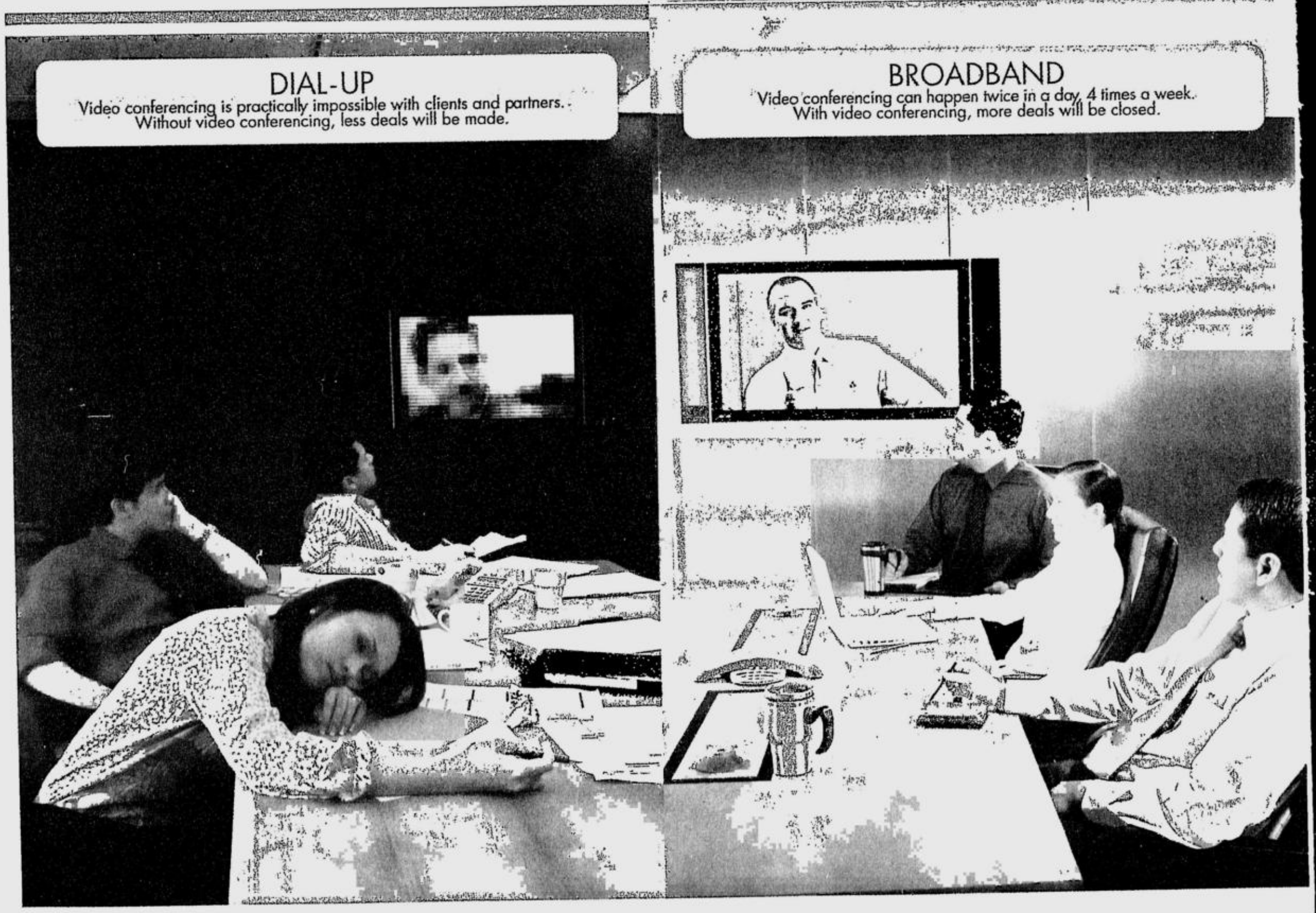

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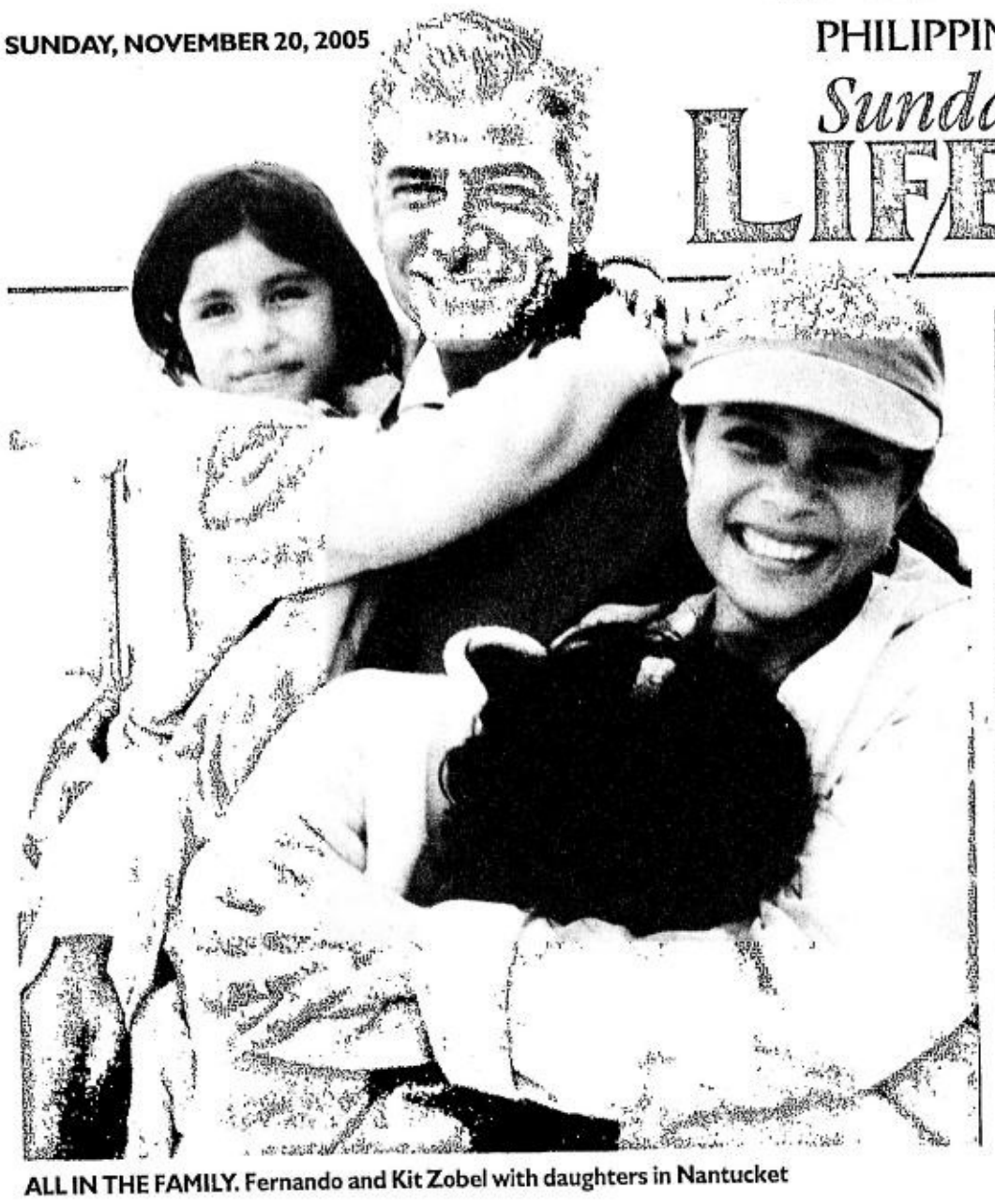

ALL IN THE FAMILY. Fernando and Kit Zobel with daughters in Nantucket

More expensive than botox

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THE MOST EXPENSIVE FACE cream in the world—Essence by Crème de la Mer. Crème de la Mer has launched a new product that's sure to dent your bank account as it is the most expensive face cream in the world.

Essence by La Mer costs about $1,750 and is more expensive than a botox injection (unless you need more than 10 botox hits). It has a shelf life of only three weeks.

An article in the UK newspaper, the Guardian, says it this way, "You have to see it as a 21-day spa for the face. It goes on under your cream—obviously you shouldn't use it with anything else. You should use it twice a year. Your pores will be smaller and your lines will start to disappear."

But will women buy the expensive beauty product? And all the women who have a second or third home, travel regularly and love their Blahniks and Choos, shout out, "Yes!"

It's puggle time. So what is a puggle? No, it's not a character from "Lord of the Rings," but rather a new trendy dog breed. It's actually a cross between a pug and a beagle. The American Hybrid Club has successfully crossbred cocker spaniels and poodles (cockapoos), Schnauzer and a poodle (schnoodles). (I don't want to think if they have ever gone wrong with an experiment like a Great Dane and a chihuahua.)

According to the NY Post, this latest mix is the hottest dog to have in New York. A spokesperson from Metro Puppy Kennels says, "Everyone is clawing for them... basically you get the equivalent of breeding a Marc Jacobs bag with a Louis Vuitton."

The tiny dogs are popular also because they fit Manhattan apartments and, like designer bags, are the trend du jour.

MUST-HAVE DOG. The puggle with actor Jake Gyllenhaal

It costs about $1,750 and lasts for only three weeks

Honestly I think what really helped a lot was when movie star hunk Jake Gyllenhaal was spotted purchasing one in New York.

Nantucket on my mind. Last summer, I went on a vacation to W.A.S.P-y Nantucket located off Cape Cod in Massachusetts. It used to be a port-of-call for transatlantic packets and coastal vessels from the early 1800s and notorious for their whaling industry. Around the late 1800s, it was firmly established as one of the premiere summer vacations for affluent Americans.

Although I did not know what to expect, I tried to be fashion-correct. As this place is ultra-prep, I only wore every logo that I had from Lacoste, Munsingwear, Ralph Lauren, Fred Perry and Hackett. And yes, my clothes fitted in very well, but alas I never felt more Asian in my life as everyone there looked like they stepped out of Robb Report, or was a Stepford Wife, or related to a Kennedy or Rockefeller. Women had the trademark blonde bouffant and Jackie O shades while the men had their loud green or red pants in either plain or plaid.

I was really afraid that someone was going to check my passport at anytime or ask how much I had in my bank account. After I got over my nervousness, I settled in quite well. I stayed for four days and the place was enchanting, idyllic and beautiful. It was the perfect family place.

Fernando and Kit Zobel were with their three daughters, and Fred and Ina Ayala were with their two sons. We went shopping, biking, fishing, toured, gorged on crabs, clams and prawns, and like typical Pinoys, took loads of photos.

Overall, it was one of the best vacations I ever had and, in the end, I really felt like I was a Kennedy until I was about to leave.

My flight was delayed because of a storm so I had to wait in the airport lounge. The flight was to leave at 11 a.m. but I ended leaving at 6 p.m. There were only six passen-

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TWO FOR THE ROAD. Fernando and Sylvia Zobel tandem-biking

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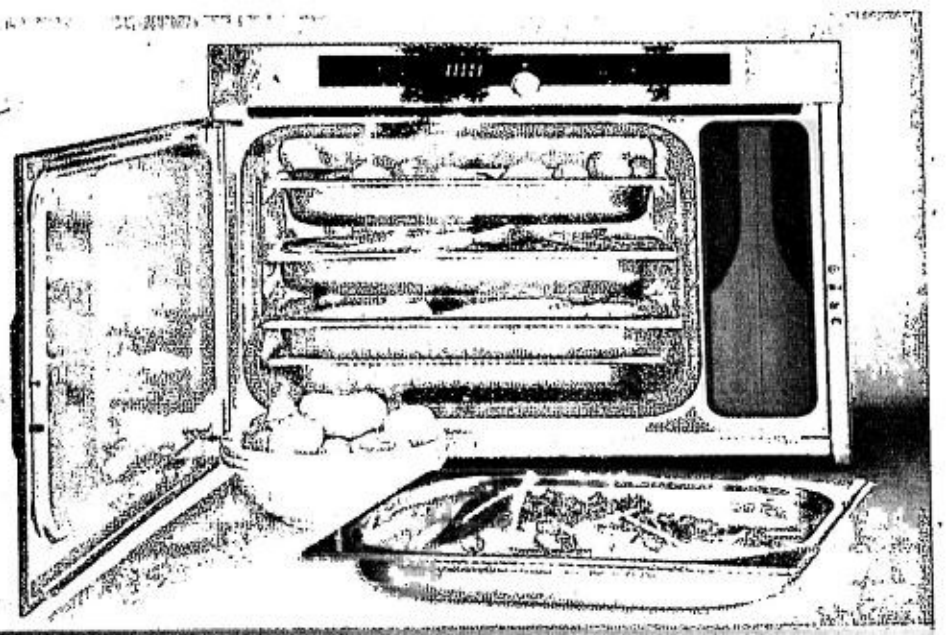

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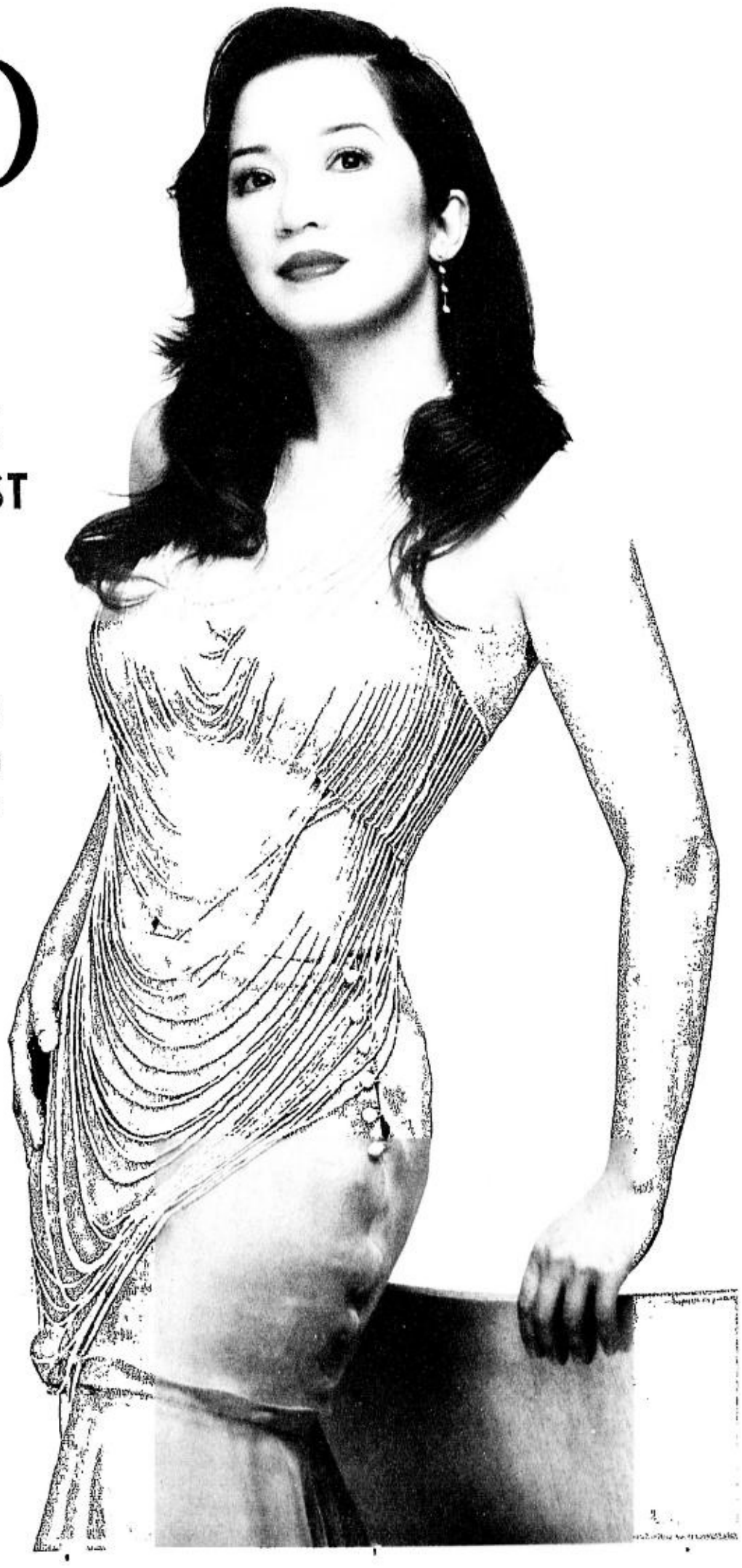

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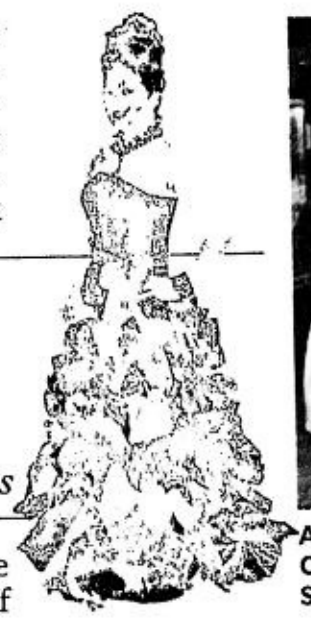


TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

AFTER MUCH PROCRASTInation, I have started to seriously shake off the surplus, post-natal fat still hanging around my waist, thighs and butt. Trying to achieve that toned look just by dieting is impossible as I am constantly hungry, especially after nursing Athena. So what better way to start than by hitting the badminton courts and playing several sets in sauna-like heat or even playing a couple of rounds of golf?

My brittle bones and sleepy muscles got shocked last week when I played at the Assumption HS Batch '81 Outrageously Smashing Reloaded Badminton Tournament. After that, it was my caddie who got shocked when I turned up for a round of golf at Manila Golf Club. Just figuring out where my sports gear is stowed in what my hubby calls the "black hole" of my closet is a challenge. Actually fitting into my jogging pants and sports tees is a worse challenge.

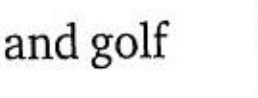
Outrageously Smashing was another successful fundraiser of my Assumption batch, thanks to well-organized Team Powerplay led by **Mon Lindo** (0917-5289090). Mon was super cool and collected in spite of the many Assumptionistas fiddling around with the format and prizes. One of his expert teammates, **Tad Abello**, had the unfortunate task of partnering with me. I must have worn him out so much but we won second place in our division! (Shh! No one needs to know there were only three teams in each division).

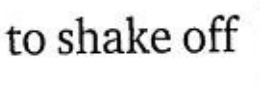
We're so glad that our fundraising efforts have paid off as there's donor fatigue these days, attributable to the Sea Games! As in all fund-raisers, there are countless sponsors to thank but special mention must go to PLDT, Adidas, Volvo, HSBC, Bench, Yamaha and INQUIRER Badminton. We might still be selling note cards and Divi stuff in bazaars if not for their kind support!

Our famous loot bags were packed with Bench products, Canadian towels, shoe bags from Nokia, Oishi snacks, YSA soap and so many other goodies. I actually got all my friends to play so we could have extra loot bags!

This year, we added a parent-child division. Some of the kids could have easily beaten us, especially since I haven't played in over a year and it's difficult to run with my milk-engorged boobs in the way. Now I know how our special celebrity guest, **Rachel Lobangco**, must feel.

I have enlisted badminton and golf to shake off my post-natal fat




CATHAY Land CEO Jeffrey Ng

Golf town

In between all the physical activities, we were invited to lunch at South Forbes Golf City, a self-sustained, satellite city being developed by **Jeffrey Ng** of Cathay Land. After a sumptuous meal prepared by Astoria Plaza, we toured the amazing development in the booming Sta. Rosa-Silang-Tagaytay residential hub.

BALI Mansions model home with developers Vey and Jeffrey Ng

Being in this new, urbanized community makes one feel hopeful about progress in our country. There is clearly growth in some sectors unlike everything else that seems to be spiraling down. This, too, will hopefully decongest the already crowded Metro Manila area.

When fully developed, South Forbes Golf City aims to make as much of itself walk-able and bike-able. And more important, have breathable air! The designers incorporated the natural terrain into the themed residential clusters, with names like Bali Mansions. Pocket parks with clubhouse amenities and commercial spaces complete each self-sustained residential cluster.

I have a feeling that Bali Mansions will actually feel like an Asian version of Wisteria Lane in "Desperate Housewives" where the houses are free of constricting walls. Many, many years from now, maybe my little Athena will live like one of them but hopefully not as desperate as some of them.

South Forbes Golf City is resort living that has to be experienced. Visit their website at www.southforbes.com. The model units, beautifully interior designed by **Ivy** and **Cynthia Almario**, are already open to visitors.

I was told that the homes come with free membership to a world-class, 18-hole golf course designed by International Management Group. This freebie was good enough to get my husband **Dennis** interested, since his office in Print Town is just an exit away.

Watch out for these

Let me share the upcoming, exciting activities for this week, a prelude to the coming season, all meant to put Christmas cheer in our communities:

Nov. 20: The Zonta Club of Makati and Environs Foundation will be holding their 15th Charity Bazaar at the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center until 8 p.m. This all-day, family-and-food affair features lots of booths, including **Rajo Laurel**'s collections and **Anton Barretto**'s Cereo Candles. The bazaar is made possible through the generosity of Shopwise and Volvo.

Nov. 23: Grand Launch party of the South Forbes Golf City at the NBC Tent at the Fort starting at 6 p.m. The lifestyle development will be on display with entertainment by APO Hiking Society, **Bituin Escalante** and The Akafellas.

Nov. 24: Celebrating its 10th anniversary, Museum Foundation of the Philippines will have The Advent Concert at Santuario de San Antonio at 8 p.m. The concert features renowned pianist **Raul Sunico** accompanied by the UST Wind Orchestra conducted by **Hermenigildo Ranera**. Soprano **Rachelle Gerodias** and tenor **Lemuel de la Cruz** will have solo and duet performances. Tickets will be sold at the gate.

Nov. 25: For the benefit of Assumption Class 1955, watch Repertory Philippines' production of "Man of La Mancha" at Globe Theater, OnStage Greenbelt 1 at 8 p.m. Jointly presented with the Manila Symphony, this production is dedicated to Rep's late founder and artistic director, **Zeneida Amador**. It was the last musical drama she planned and will mark the first anniversary of her passing. The powerful cast, led by **Michael Williams/Audie Gemora** as Don Quixote and **Menchu Yulo** as Aldonza, and wonderful set design mark the impressive return of Rep in the theater world. Other play dates are Nov. 28, Dec. 2-3, 9-10 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 26-27, Dec. 2, 4, 16, 18 at 3:30 p.m. Take your kids to this entertaining musical.

E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph

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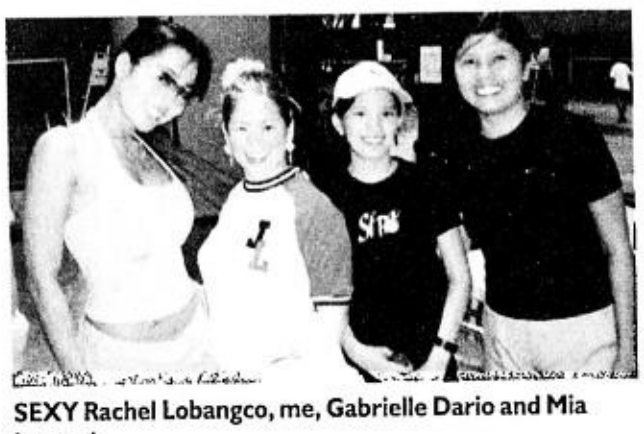
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SOUTH Forbes Golf City guests Jesse Tan and Carol Ong

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ZONTA Club of Makati ladies: Marites Pineda and Julie Gamboa (seated), Monica Aveo, Lourraine Co, Liezl Amoncio, Teresa Tan, Dr. Iva Anastacio, Zeng Mendoza and Linda Panlilio

SOUTH Forbes CEO Jeffrey Ng, Emily and Chot Wong, me, George Yulo, Chona Pineda and Alex Reyes

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More expensive than botox

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gers flying out to New York that day (in a 20-seater plane) and I guess because of my passport (or my face), I was chosen as the "terrorist-look' alike" (think: bag, shoes and computer checked, belt taken out, etc.).

And since I was there for more than seven hours, I had to go in and out of the fenced area. After my fourth bathroom break and body search, I finally had to tell the guard, "So this is what it must feel like to be in Mexico! Looking at and one step to the promised land, yet surrounded by a steel fence!"

The weather was not cooperative—it was chilly, and the airport, although very nice, was quite small. I must have read all the magazines from Vanity Fair to People—I even read the instructions on X-ray machine. I did not dare try to make any conversation with the residents for fear I might be smoked out as a non-resident.

When I finally did get the nerve to talk to someone, I said, "Do you think we are ever going to fly out tonight?" The person asked, "Is this your first time here?"

You guessed it, I was smoked out! The man explained we had to stay in the airport as there were no planes. I just shut up and walked to my cold little corner.

Well we finally took off. I stayed an extra day in New York then flew to LA. I really had a great time and Nantucket will always be one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen in my life. If you are looking for the perfect "Americana" vacation, then Nantucket is it.

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Pink Power Girl Power

Women in this day and age are a league of talented and competent individuals who are out to show the world what they've got. They are the women steadily climbing up the corporate ladder, making their mark in the world of politics and gunning for gold in their chosen sports. While the intensity that is sports is not something readily identified with women, there are Filipina athletes who believe that there are no trade-offs between a girl's passion to succeed in a man's world and the need to be beautiful with their softer, straighter hair.

New Cream Silk Satin Soft & Stylishly Straight Conditioner believes in a girl's ability to exude beauty and strength at the same time. The leading conditioner brand in the country put together Pink Cream Silk's Girl Power Athletes – a group of four remarkable and young women athletes who best exemplify the Pink Power, Girl Power philosophy with their formidable strength and undeniable beauty.

I am 100% girl, 100% champion racer

She sets the tracks on fire with her intense, raging speed. But once she overtakes you, the butterfly etched on her helmet would remind you that she's a girl after all. Michele Bumgarner is indeed a force to reckon with in the karting scene, being awarded 2005 Karter of the Year in the country and 2004 Overall Champion at the Asian Karting Zone Championship for Open Class. However, this karter is still a charming young lady who enjoys partying and hanging out with her friends. With all the championships she has won, for her, the best benefit karting gives is the opportunity to travel and meet new friends. And as she continues to make a name in racing, the European circuit gets ready for her breathtakingly beautiful arrival with her softer, straighter hair.

I take the term striking beauty to a whole new level

Veronica Domingo's winsome smile and natural charms can easily fool one into thinking that she's your typical girl-next-door. But she's definitely more than just another pretty face but a formidable athlete who has a string of accolades under her black belt. She first gained recognition as a volleyball player but eventually ventured into the more physically-demanding world of taekwondo where she has now made her mark. After winning back to back gold medals in the last two SEA Games, Veronica is now gunning for her third gold in this year's competition. It therefore comes as no surprise that these days, she hardly finds time to pamper herself. But despite her hectic training schedule, she manages to stay effortlessly beautiful with her softer, straighter hair.

Beautiful hair – my weapon of choice

Like the Yin Yang, the traditional Chinese symbol of perfect balance, Janice Hung perfectly exudes the right mix of beauty and strength. She's one of the leading wushu athletes in the country who has been seriously training for the sport since she was seven. But apart from winning the gold in the 2003 National Wushu Championships, Janice also won the title of Ms. Commerce while studying at the University of Santo Tomas. Now a member of the Philippine Tai Chi team, Janice is bent on being consistent on her personal credo of dedication, focus and excellence. With her stunning looks, long softer, straighter hair and exceptional athletic abilities, Janice is definitely not your ordinary girl.

I get a kick out of being beautiful

Because of her striking features, Monica Santos can easily be mistaken for a model upon first sight. However, behind her natural beauty is the strength that powers mighty scissor kicks on the soccer field. Now one of the youngest members of the Philippine Women's Soccer Team, Monica has earned the opportunity to play for the country in the 2004 Under 19 AFC Women's Championship in China and the upcoming South East Asian Games. Although she's a forceful striker on the field, this pretty teener would sneak a Nicholas Sparks novel in between timeouts or hang out with friends whenever she's free from training. Monica may still be relatively young in soccer but she has already scored a goal with her softer, straighter hair.

Super SM Hypermarket opens in Molino

Getting ready for the holidays with a parade of christmas evergreen and trimmings

Super SM Hypermarket, the fastest growing hypermarket chain in the country today is opening its doors to residents of Brgy. Molino IV, Bacoor, Cavite and neighboring communities.

Noted for its one-stop shopping convenience, Super SM Hypermarket showcases an impressive mix of merchandise that combines with attractive discounts, unbeatable promotional events that go a long way in redefining the concept of hypermarket shopping as it has evolved in the Philippine retailing scene.

In addition to its newly opened Molino branch in Bacoor, Cavite, Super SM also has branches in SM City Sucat, SM City Bicutan, SM City Marilao and SM Supercenter Valenzuela. More branches are due to open soon in strategic locations in the greater Metro Manila area.

Super Choices

Apart from grocery items, Super SM also offers a complete mix of merchandise for women, men, children and infants including apparel, shoes and accessories. Housewares, furniture, appliances, audio and video equipment, sporting goods stationery and hardware items are also available.

Another favorite destination at Super SM Hypermarket is **Bake-Off**, the bakery section where shoppers can get oven-fresh breads and pastries.

Also popular are savory **rotisserie** chicken offerings that are sure to fill up every shopper's craving for juicy treats. On the other hand, SM's food carts showcase native delicacies like bibingka,putobumbong, maja blanca, cassava cake and fresh lumpia.

Super Shoppers

Super SM values customer satisfaction. That's why the needs, wants and demands of the shopping public remains on top of its priorities. And like the other SM affiliates, the company keeps everything to be competitively priced. Discounts from bi-monthly mailers, value packs and other promos definitely add value for the customer's money.

Super Choices

Every Super SM Hypermarket branch is designed for total shopping convenience - spacious, well-lit aisles, customer-friendly merchandise display, efficient check-out service and walkalators where shoppers can wheel their purchases and shopping carts straight to the covered parking area.

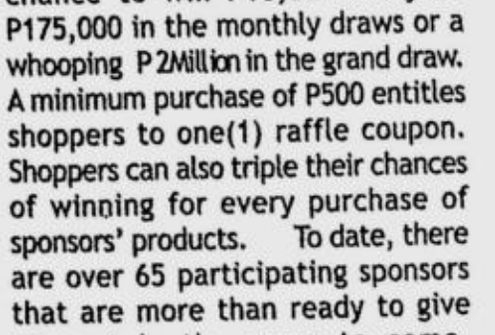
Watch out for Super SM Hypermarket branches soon to open in SM Mall of Asia and other SM Supermalls.

Super Shoppers

Going strong on its fourth year, **Shop 'n Win** promo gives shoppers a chance to win P10,000 daily or P175,000 in the monthly draws or a whooping P2Million in the grand draw. A minimum purchase of P500 entitles shoppers to one(1) raffle coupon. Shoppers can also triple their chances of winning for every purchase of sponsors' products. To date, there are over 65 participating sponsors that are more than ready to give support in the years to come.

On the other hand, every P2,000 purchase, inclusive of two sponsor products entitles shoppers to join the **Big Shoppers, Win More** roulette game, with exciting instant prizes at stake.

At Super SM, one cannot only shop, have fun and win, but also discover new culinary skills with its **Super Chefs, Super Treats** cooking activity. Shoppers can learn cooking and baking from master chefs with helpful tips on starting a food business.



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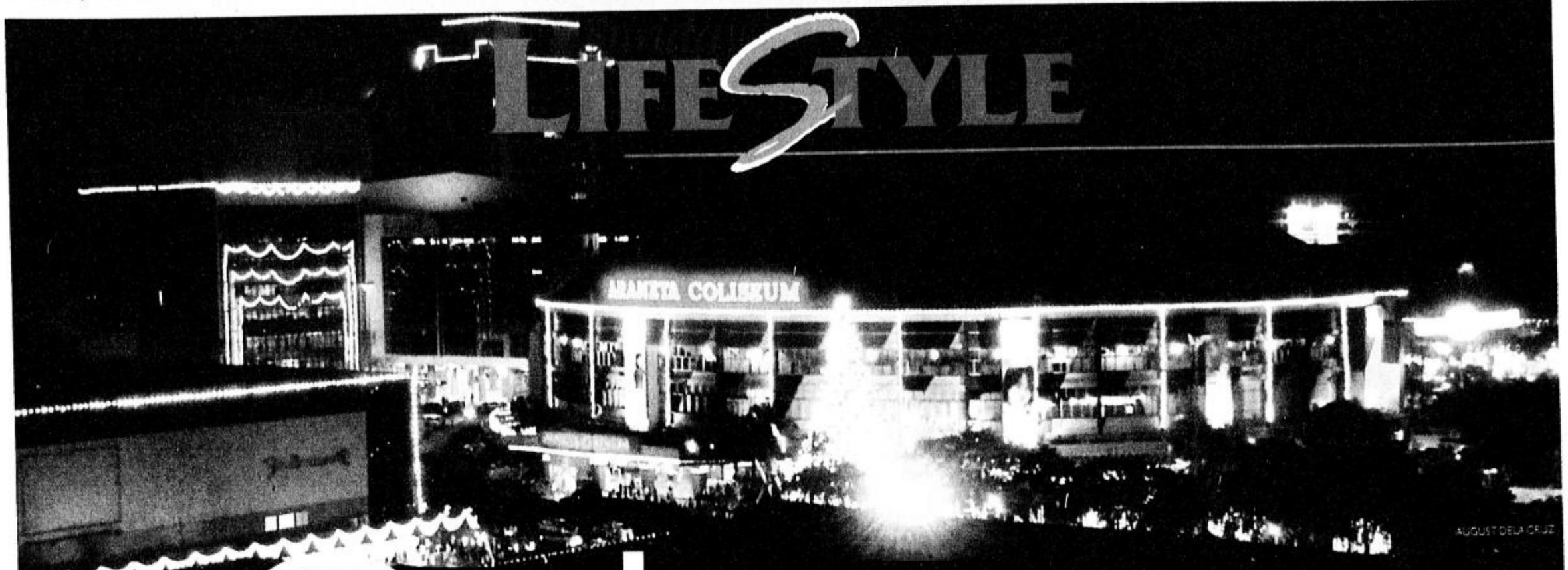
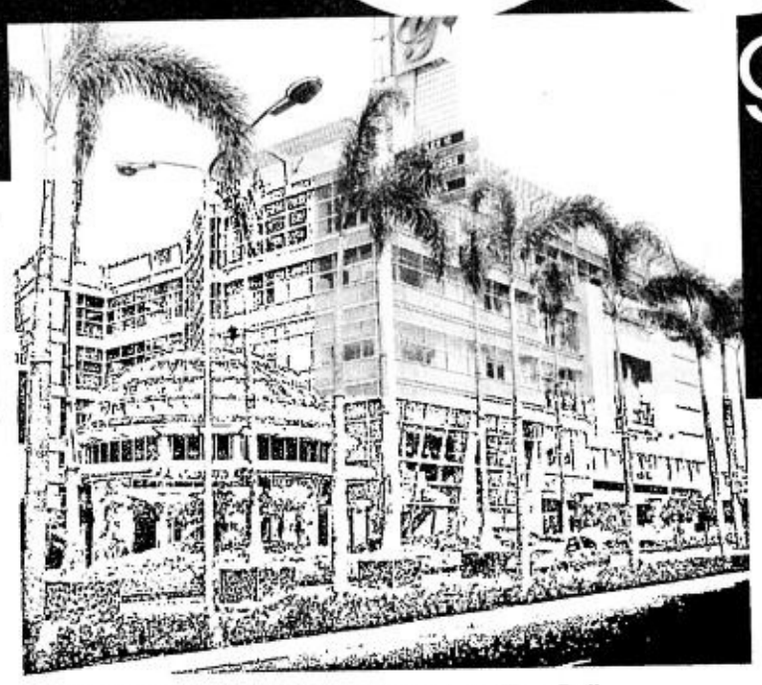


AUGUST DELA CRUZ

How Cubao got its groove back

Inspired by the convergence of two subway lines, the Aranetas have done some major facelifts on Cubao's commercial hub. INQUIRER Lifestyle goes to Araneta Center to find out what the buzz is all about



NEW MALL on the block Gateway, home to Taco Bell and Mandarin Café, is where the Metro Rail Transit and Light Rail Transit meet. RUDY ESPERAS

By Linda B. Bolido

UNTIL LIBIS BEcame the call center capital of the Philippines—and, consequently, a favorite dining and entertainment destination—and before Tomas Morato became restaurant row, Cubao was the only place to go for R&R in Quezon City.

Cubao to most people meant the 35-hectare Araneta Center bounded by Edsa, Aurora Boulevard, P. Tuazon and Gen. Carlos P. Romulo Streets, marked by what was, for many years, the largest covered auditorium in the world, the Araneta Coliseum.

For students at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, Ateneo de Manila University and Miriam (formerly Maryknoll) College, any long breaks between or suspension of classes could mean a movie at New Frontier Cinema or Quezon Theater, or a quick meal at some of the eateries in Cubao, including a modest hamburger joint that would morph into the fast-food giant Jollibee.

Cubao, specifically Araneta Center, was a rather tiny commercial/entertainment hub for Quezon City, former capital of the Philippines, Metro Manila's biggest (almost a fourth of the metropolis) and most populous city. But, then, QC was envisioned to be a quiet, staid place—all pomp and circumstance—as all

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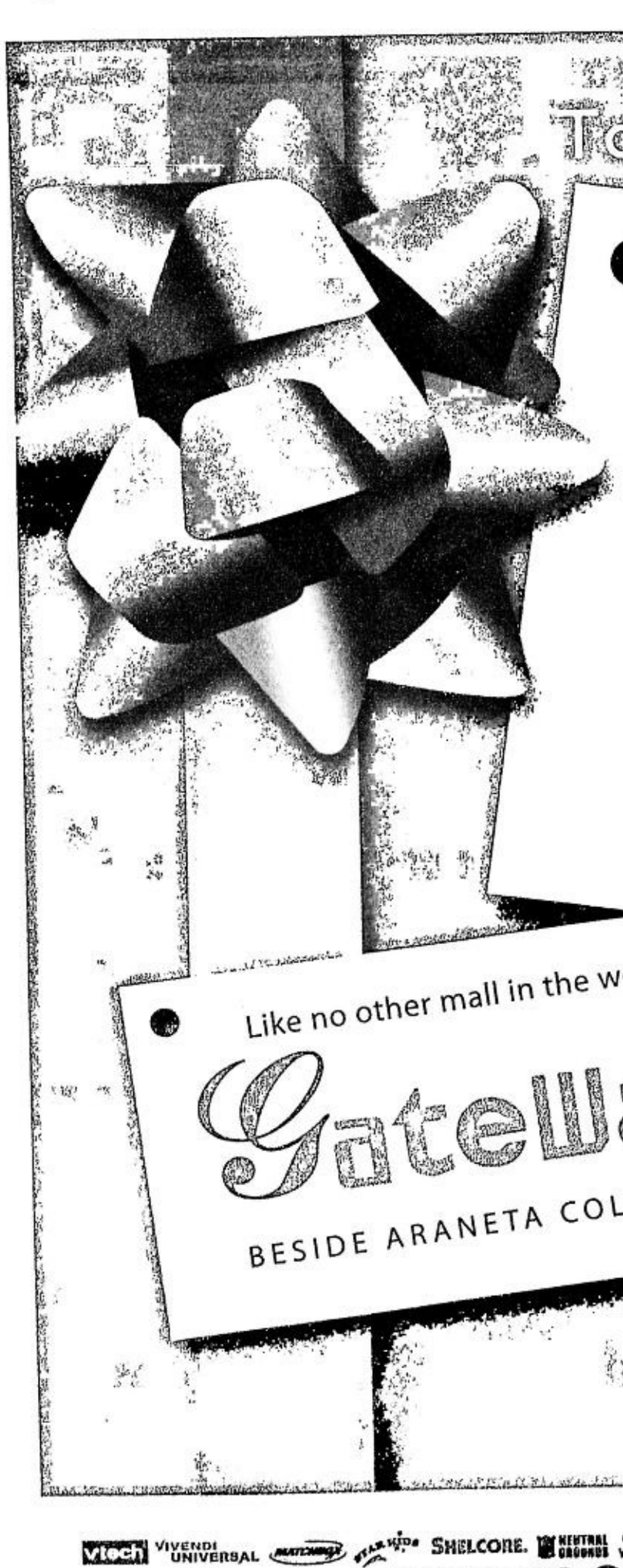

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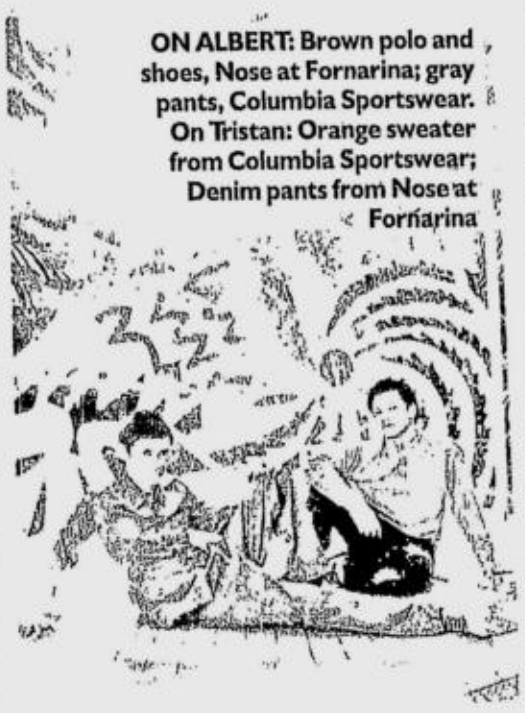
ON CHAPS: Lace-sleeved blouse and pink silk skirt, Cumbia; Maroon inner shirt and suede boots, Fornarina. On Che: Brown embroidered top and velvet tiered skirt; Cumbia. Gold shoes, Fornarina

ON CHAPS: Yellow p top with rhinestones and beads, Cumbia; printed purple miniskirt, maroon pants and gold mules, Fornarina. On Tristan: Printed black shirt and denim pants, Nose at Fornarina; shoes, Columbia Sportswear



ON ALBERT: Brown polo and shoes, Nose at Fornarina; gray pants, Columbia Sportswear. On Tristan: Orange sweater from Columbia Sportswear; Denim pants from Nose at Fornarina

Upping the shopping ante

Gateway is strikingly designed and houses exclusive brands Fornarina and Cumbia

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

THE ARANETA CENTER'S Gateway Mall is probably one of the best malls this side of Asia in terms of design and architecture.

Its Fabergé egg-like pavilion and its lush 450-sq m open-air tropical garden called the Oasis are just but two of Gateway's design gems that make malling there a feast for the senses.

At the same time, however, people behind the mall are working hard to keep the mix of merchandise interesting.

"We really studied our target market and its shopping habits," says Cecile Marvilla, marketing head of Araneta Center Inc. "Since our mall isn't as big as the others, the mix [of stores] should be just right."

Apart from housing a little over 100 outlets, the five-level mall is the only one of its kind with links to both LRT 2 and MRT 3, making it more accessible to shoppers. Parking concerns in Cubao have now become a thing of the past, what with Gateway's three-level, 600-car covered parking.

This holistic approach to shopping is reflected in the introduction of three brands—Fornarina, Columbia and Cumbia (two are exclusively available at Gateway)—into the mix of top-notch names, such as Mango, Lacoste, Bench, Nine West and anchor store, Rustan's.

Italian brand

Italian brand Fornarina consists of trendy and sometimes sporty women's apparel from tops to bottoms, dresses to footwear, and bags to accessories.

ON CHAPS: Blue studded dress and striped pants, both from Fornarina. On Albert: Gray shirt and pants from Nose at Fornarina. On Che: Berry halter top from Fornarina; Yellow frill skirt from Cumbia

In keeping with the demands of its target market, the brand's pieces come mostly in bold colors and in the most provocative cuts. It doesn't hurt that among its loyal followers are pop princess Britney Spears and teen sensation Hillary Duff.

Oddly enough, Fornarina started not as a clothing company, but as a small footwear firm in 1947. Under its founder Gianfranco Fornari, the brand made its mark among mainstream fashionistas in the '80s with its colorful cork wedges and clogs. The company is now under the helm of Gianfranco's son, Lino Fornari.

In fact, Filipinos were first introduced to Fornarina a few years ago via its sneakers and mules, which the Shoe Salon chain still carries to this day. That's why not a few of its fans were delighted when the hip Italian brand chose Gateway as the site to launch its Asian expansion.

"You'll be surprised at how Filipinos are so into trends," says Marvilla. "They'll be happy to know that Gateway also represents Fornarina in the Philippines. Of course, this arrangement translates into lower prices."

Gowns and sports wear

If you're into cocktail dresses and evening gowns, then Cumbia is the place for you. But apart from these party staples imported mostly from the United States, the store also showcases a collection of urban must-haves, from shawls to hats, shoes to bags, and beaded jeans to accessories.

One ace up Cumbia's beaded sleeve that other stores don't have is the availability of gowns by American designer Bob Mackie. You may not be as lovely as Precious Lara Quigaman, but with the right makeup and styling you can still manage to look like a beauty queen in one of Mackie's one-of-a-kind creations.

"You don't have to shell out an arm and a leg to look like one [beauty queen]," says Marvilla. "Bob Mackie's gowns, for instance, range from P10,000-P20,000. You only need loads of attitude to pull off the look."

Finally, for the outdoorsy man, Gateway offers a wide selection of sporty shirts, jackets, cargo pants, shorts, hiking wear, trekking shoes and backpacks via Columbia Sportswear Company.

Like Fornarina, Columbia diversified its product offerings through the decades. Based in Portland, Oregon, Columbia began as a hat company established by German immigrants Paul and Marie Lamfrom.

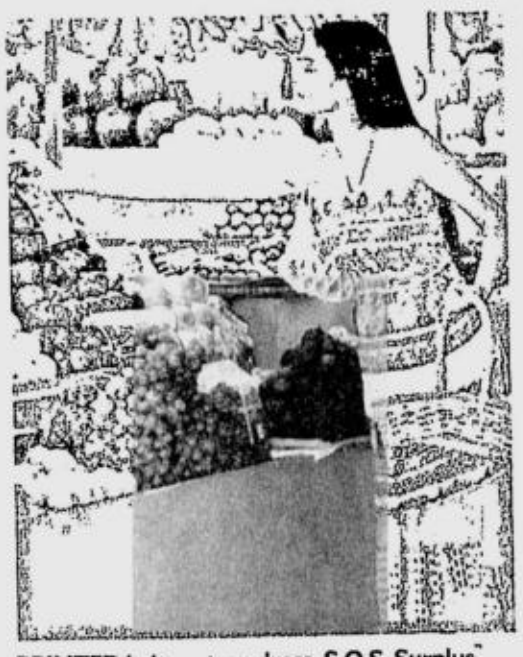
Their daughter, Gert, and her husband, Neal Boyle, took over the company a few decades later. The company, which now has stores in almost every key city in the world, is now managed by the couple's son Tim Boyle. But Gert, now in her 80s, is still very much involved in the global company's operations.

"A considerable number of women also frequent the Columbia, perhaps to buy stuff for their husbands and boyfriends," says Marvilla. "This comes as no surprise because 60 percent of mall traffic is composed of women."

ON ALBERT: Maroon shirt and gray shorts, Columbia Sportswear. On Che: Yellow sequined top, Cumbia; berry dress and metallic pink strap sandals, Fornarina. On Chaps: White bubble tube and miniskirt with yellow trim, Fornarina; mustard wedge platforms and wooden neckpiece, Cumbia.

STYLING: MILLET ARZAGA
MAKEUP: MENAGE SALON, 2/F GATEWAY, ARANETA CENTER, QC
MODELS: ALBERT, CHAPS AND CHE/CAL CARRIES; TRISTAN
LOCATION: GATEWAY MALL

FLORAL khaki polo shirt from John Briann, Ali Mall



PRINTED halter-strap dress, S.O.S. Surplus Shop, Ali Mall; orange peasant skirt, G-16 stall; colorful bag, Lesh's stall at E-9; and earrings from I-6 stall, all at Value Station

FUCHSIA top with ribbon cord and gold trim, S.O.S. Surplus Shop, Ali Mall; floral capri pants, F-9 stall, and earrings, I-6 stall, both at Value Station

Hurrah to 'retail democracy'!

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE NEWly revamped Araneta Center in Quezon City is that despite the upscale improvements in the shopping and entertainment center, it has largely upheld "retail democracy."

"Retail democracy" is the term used by Araneta Center Inc. (ACI) for its strategy of catering to all social classes. This means that even while the retail centerpiece is now the new Gateway Mall, the hub of the A and B segments in the vicinity, old-time haunts like Ali Mall and New Farmers Plaza have also been refurbished to continuously cater to those on a limited budget and on the lookout for bargains.

Ali Mall continues to house over 100 established businesses, a mishmash of shops catering to the broad B and C markets.

Ali Mall's fashion offerings include such popular brands as Bench and HerBench, Human, Cinderella, Freeway/Solo, Giordano, Plains & Prints, Penshoppe, Jag, as well as lesser-known menswear labels like John Briann and Bizaare, and even imports like Guess? USA and Marithé Francois Girbaud.

Footwear is represented by Manel's, Mendrez, Maphisto, Confetti, Cardam's, Rusty Lopez, Otto Shoes, and international favorites like Adidas, Puma, Converse.

ON HER: Dark floral top, S.O.S. Surplus Shop, Ali Mall; earrings, I-6 stall, and bag from Lesh's stall at E-9, both at Value Station. On him: Olive and white polo, John Briann, Ali Mall

Those on the constant hunt for real bargains may opt for Surplus Shop, which sells export overruns.

New Farmers Plaza remains the multilevel home of mini *tiangges* for the C-D-E markets, selling a hodgepodge of merchandise. It also houses several popular fashion labels, including Penshoppe, Jag, Oxygen, Dickies USA, and shoe shops like Rusty Lopez, Leaveland, B-Club.

The Bench brand has an all-class appeal so that it is present from Gateway to New Farmers Plaza.

Little Divisoria

Another bargain center, aptly named Value Station, has been built adjacent to Fiesta Carnival. It's a small building devoted to a variety of merchandise, including clothes, footwear, toys, bags and luggage—the sort of stuff that can be found in Divisoria. The stall owners, according to Cecille Marvilla of ACI, are Chinese-Filipino traders who have relocated from Divisoria.

Value Station is Araneta's convenient alternative to bargain shopping. The one catch, perhaps, is that, unlike Divisoria where practically everything is sold at wholesale prices, items here sell at retail. And being small, the choices are not as varied as in Divisoria or Greenhills. The upside for shopping here, of course, is that it is time-saving as well as quite near for the bargain shoppers around Araneta.

On the opposite side of Araneta Center, adjacent to Ali Mall, is Marikina Shoe Expo, which has kept its bohemian feel—a drawer of the artsy crowd. It has tiny curio shops selling a variety of antiques and old-movie memorabilia, as well as art galleries and old shoe shops, including the original store of the ladies' footwear brand, Janylin.

ACI has done quite a face-lift of Araneta Center in the past year that Marvilla felt it's only fair to now banish the long-held public perception that the area is unsafe.

Perhaps, she admitted, the security issue may have been accurate to a point. But she explained that the petty crimes had taken place in the Aurora Boulevard-Edsa areas, which are part of Cubao but are well beyond Araneta Center's jurisdiction.

ACI is serious in upgrading its image that, according to Marvilla, it has dropped "Cubao" from its official address to dissociate itself from the district's negative image.

Thus, the center's official address is now Araneta Center, Quezon City.

Part of Araneta Center's image upgrade are its well-lighted, tree-lined streets. ACI also hired a US-based company to design its street signs and logos in fun and vibrant colors. Bridges have also been built linking the Cubao MRT and LRT stations to Araneta's malls. For added security, there are 24-hour bike police patrols.

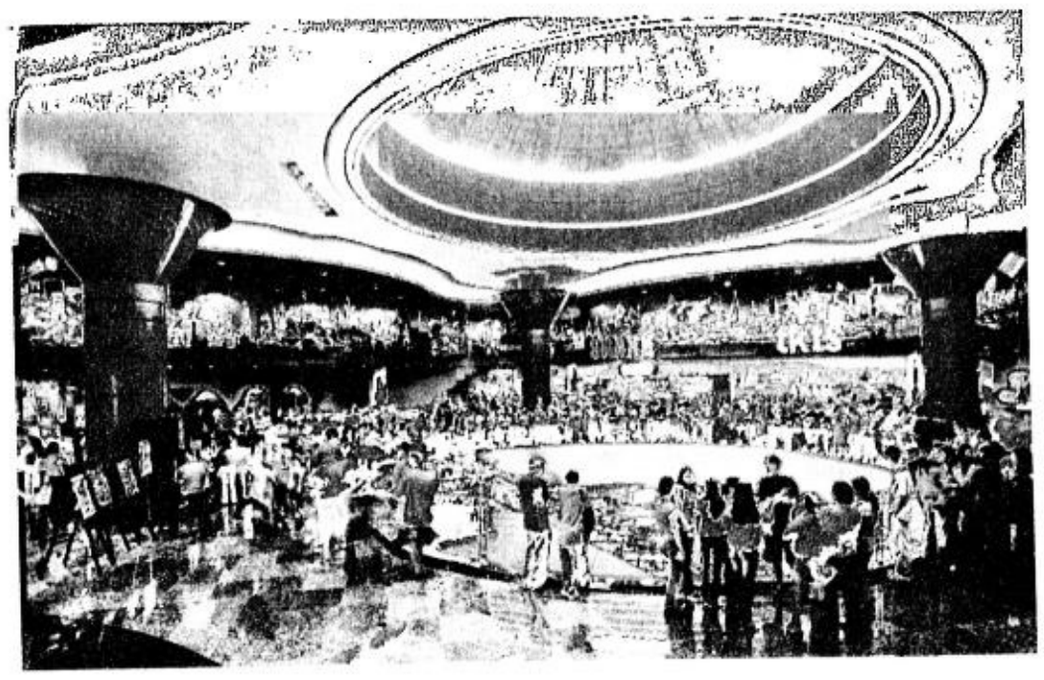
Araneta Center may have gone upscale but it still has its heart in the masses

STYLING: WARDROBE ANTICS
MAKEUP: MENAGE SALON, 2/F GATEWAY, ARANETA CENTER, QC
MODELS: ALBERT AND LIANA/CAL CARRIE'S
LOCATION: FARMER'S MARKET FRUIT AND FLOWER STALLS, RSI PLANTS, VS ORCHIDS, GENESIS BUDS AND BLOOMERS, ALL AT FARMER'S GARDEN, ARANETA CENTER, QC.
PRICE POINTS: WOMEN'S TOPS RANGE FROM P250-P450 SKIRTS FROM P350-550 WOMEN'S BAGS AND SHOES FROM P200-UP EARRINGS FROM P120-150/PAIR MEN'S SHIRTS FROM P550-650 MEN'S PANTS START FROM P500-UP

ON HIM: Printed polo shirt and camouflage cap, John Briann; denim pants, S.O.S. Surplus Shop, both at Ali Mall. On her: Yellow halter top with wooden accent, F-9 stall, and earrings, I-6 stall, both at Value Station; printed skirt, John Briann

Gateway to first-rate pleasure

THE CINEPLEX has only 40 seats, but they're all La-Z-Boy reclining leather chairs.



By Gibbs Cadiz

JUST WHEN YOU thought the apex of cinematic entertainment has been reached with the Ayalas' swanky and ultra-exclusive MyCinema at Greenbelt 3, the Araneta empire has struck back with an even more sleek offering: the Globe Platinum Cinema at Gateway Mall's Cineplex 10.

The Platinum Cinema is the centerpiece of Gateway's efforts to establish itself as a first-class habitat for cinema-lovers who wouldn't mind shelling a bit more for deluxe amenities. The one-of-a-kind theater has only 40 seats, but they're all La-Z-Boy reclining leather chairs, grouped in two's with a small table in the middle to hold snacks and drinks.

The admission fee is rather steep (P245 for Globe Platinum members, P290 for non-members), but the ticket includes bottomless soda drinks and popcorn. Beer, wine and snacks are also available in the gleaming cinema lounge-cum-bar, which is redefining the downtime experience between movie screenings with its decidedly hotel-lobby feel.

Gateway's Cineplex 10 has nine other screens, with a total seating capacity of 2,300. The theaters range in size from the Platinum Cinema's 40-seater exclusive accommodations, to the largest theater with 524 seats and a curved screen more than 60 feet wide, making it Manila's largest.

Flexibility

All 10 theaters are equipped with built-in surround systems, utilizing the latest equipment from JBL, as well as powerful QSC amplifiers incorporated into the latest Dolby Digital EX theatrical sound system. This ensures the purest sound realism, so that every sigh or whisper is as audible as the most slam-bang of movie moments.

While not La-Z-boys, all other theater seats are comfort-designed, with standard armrests and foldable cup-holders by the side. Stadium-style stepped seating ensures that moviegoers enjoy an unobstructed view of the floor-to-ceiling wall-to-wall screens from every seat. Even better, there's ample leg room between seat rows, allowing for occasional stretching and greater flexibility in letting other patrons pass.

> Gateway Mall's Cineplex 10 and the Big Dome's Coliseum Circle are helping attract a whole new generation of shoppers and moviegoers to Araneta Center

The vast lobby which serves as the gateway to these cinemas, conveniently located above Gateway Mall's Food Express, is distinguished by the presence of a colorful "Times Square" mural that runs for almost the entire breadth of the lobby's upper walls. Created by Fritz Ynfante and his team, the sight aims to set the proper mood for enjoying the complex's many cinematic delights.

The central box office has six selling stations, all of which feature the Vista computerized ticketing system. Gateway is proud to claim that Vista is the first system of its kind in the Philippines, assuring faster ticket service and seat allocations with the touch of a screen or the click of a button.

Taken together, these top-of-the-line amenities have certainly upped the ante for local moviegoing convenience and pleasure. Gateway Mall's commitment to giving its customers world-class cinematic entertainment is helping re-gentrify Cubao and attract a whole new generation of shoppers and moviegoers.

Crown jewel

Still, while Gateway Mall's Cineplex 10 is a dazzling new addition to the Araneta Center's many attractions, the crown jewel remains the landmark Araneta Coliseum.

For 40 years, the Big Dome has served as the country's top entertainment venue, the premiere stage for everything from concerts featuring local and international acts to prayer rallies, business conventions, beauty contests and sports competitions.

Built at a cost of P200 million (a spectacular sum in the 1960s), the 20,000-seat Coliseum is considered a unique architectural piece for its free-standing dome-type structure, with virtually no post or any kind of obstruction ruining the view from any angle of its 9,660-sq m floor area.

For many years, the Coliseum was an imposing but forbidding landmark in the city skyline. After every concert, cockfight or basketball game, the gates of the massive dome closed, and at night the premises, like much of the larger Araneta complex, became a ghost town, well-lighted but eerie in its stillness.

Now, everything has changed with Cubao's resurgence as a prime shopping and entertainment destination, anchored on the spanking-new Gateway Mall and Araneta Coliseum's addition of the Coliseum Circle.

These days, with Gateway Mall and the Coliseum Circle, that renaissance has pretty much accomplished its purpose.

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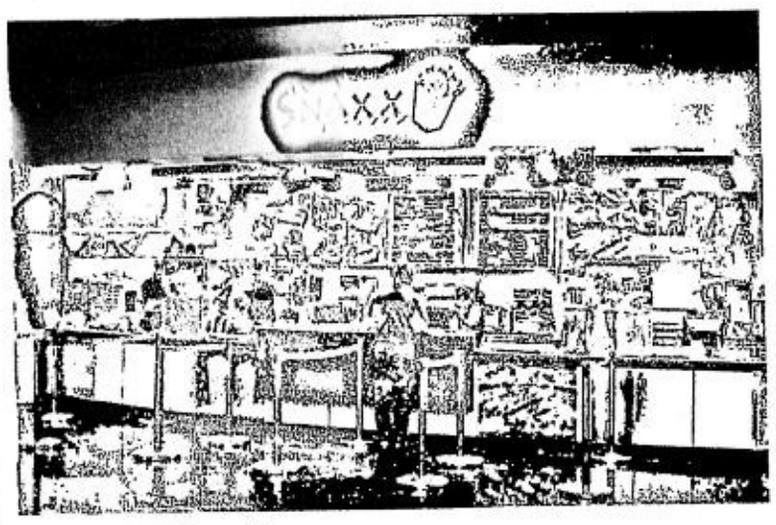
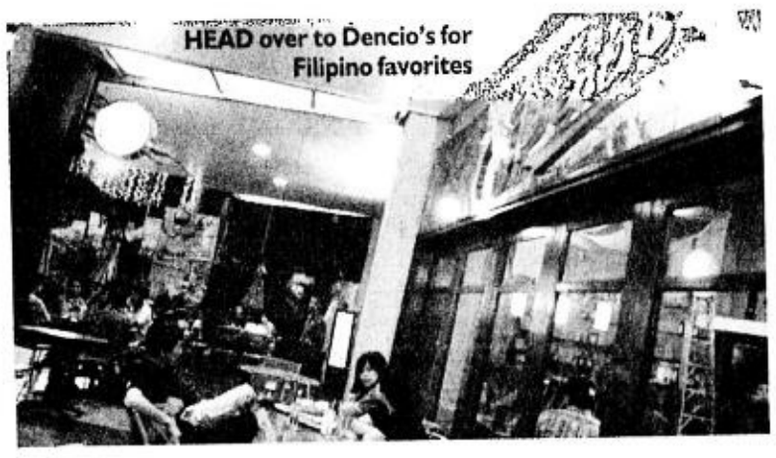


THE CINEPLEX snack bar



HEAD over to Dencio's for Filipino favorites

Fun after-hours

By Pam Pastor

SO YOU'VE shopped to your heart's (and pocket's) content in Gateway Mall. But there's no reason to head off to the parking lot just yet. Araneta Center gives you more reasons to hang out in Cubao after sundown—concert or no concert.

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By offering a variety of dining and entertainment options, the Coliseum Circle is a fun place for relaxing with the family, bonding with friends and spending quality time with your significant other.

If it's a food trip you're looking for, the Coliseum Circle has different choices for different tastes. Try Rasa for authentic Singaporean cuisine, Margarita Fores' Café Bola for a dose of comfort food (Adobo Flakes with Kesong Puti on rice is a must-try), Dencio's for Pinoy favorites, Gloria Maris for Chinese dishes and great dim sum, Istanbul Express for exotic Turkish cuisine, Sachi for Japanese goodness and Go Nuts Donuts for a quick sugar fix.

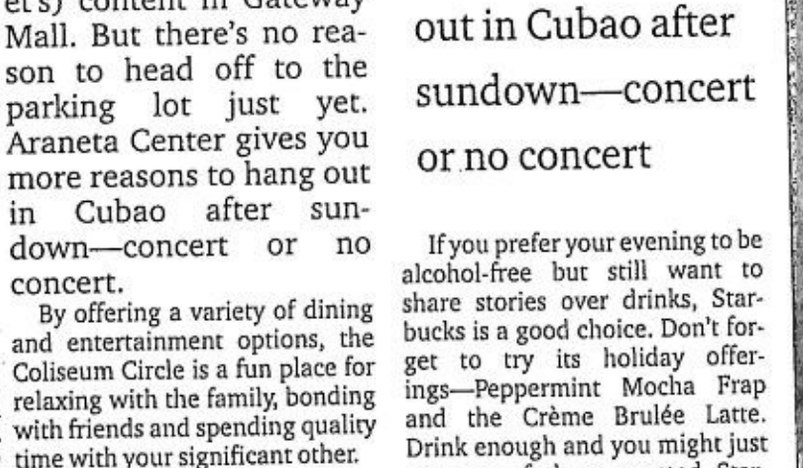
Head over to Oyster Boy or Padi's Point for a drinking session with friends. Padi's Point even throws in extra entertainment, with features rolling on their wide-screen projector and live bands at 9 p.m.

If you prefer your evening to be alcohol-free but still want to share stories over drinks, Starbucks is a good choice. Don't forget to try its holiday offerings—Peppermint Mocha Frap and the Crème Brulée Latte. Drink enough and you might just get one of those coveted Starbucks planners for free.

For a hilarious evening, check out the funny acts at Klownz Comedy Bar. Owned by comedians Allan K and Ai-Ai de las Alas, Klownz offers entertainment from local comedians who will gleefully poke fun at themselves and occasionally at you.

The Gateway Drive can also be transformed into a good venue for live performances like Barbie's Cradle's gig at an Oktoberfest event last month. The Gateway Drive is now open for booking for bands and events.

Food, comedy, music and drinks. Araneta Center is now also a one-stop venue for a good night out.



THE COLISEUM Circle offers options for people with different nightlife needs

How Cubao got its groove back

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government offices and agencies were supposed to have their headquarters there. Daytime would be busy as people transact their business with the government and the evenings subdued and almost dull.

It was also going to be a residential area, site of the government's first low-cost housing projects primarily designed for modestly paid civil servants.

Movies and food were just about the extent of Cubao's attraction—unless there was an event at the coliseum.

As huge as it was, the coliseum's tickets were priced at quite a wide range, thus drawing both the bejeweled crowd and students surviving on carefully husbanded allowances.

It was exactly what Don Amado Araneta, who bought the cogonal area where the transmitters of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) stood, wanted: give everyone a chance to watch both local and foreign acts. Don Amado's vision was to have "the biggest, the tallest and the first" in the place bearing the family name.

He also built the country's biggest moviehouse, the New Frontier.

Cubao was not the place for shopping as traffic still flowed smoothly and traveling to Quiapo and farther down to Divisoria was not quite the ordeal it is now.

PROPOSED Manhattan Garden District by Megaworld in Araneta Center will be country's first mass transport-based housing.

'Bagsakan'

But, then, the Farmers Market opened and savvy shoppers discovered a source for the freshest, most reasonably priced, and rarest items. The market was not just a *bagsakan* of goods from the provinces, it also offered certain specialized services not available anywhere.

Word of mouth had Pinoy travelers making a beeline for the market to have *bagoong, paksiw* or any food tightly sealed in cans at Farmers so they could easily get them through other countries' customs inspection

Ali Mall, built to mark the historic fight at the coliseum between heavyweight boxers Mohammad Ali and Joe Frazier, opened. SM leased a largish block and opened a store. So did Rustan's, both the department store and the supermarket. National Bookstore bought its own piece of land for a branch.

But Araneta Center still was a piece of prime property in search of an identity.

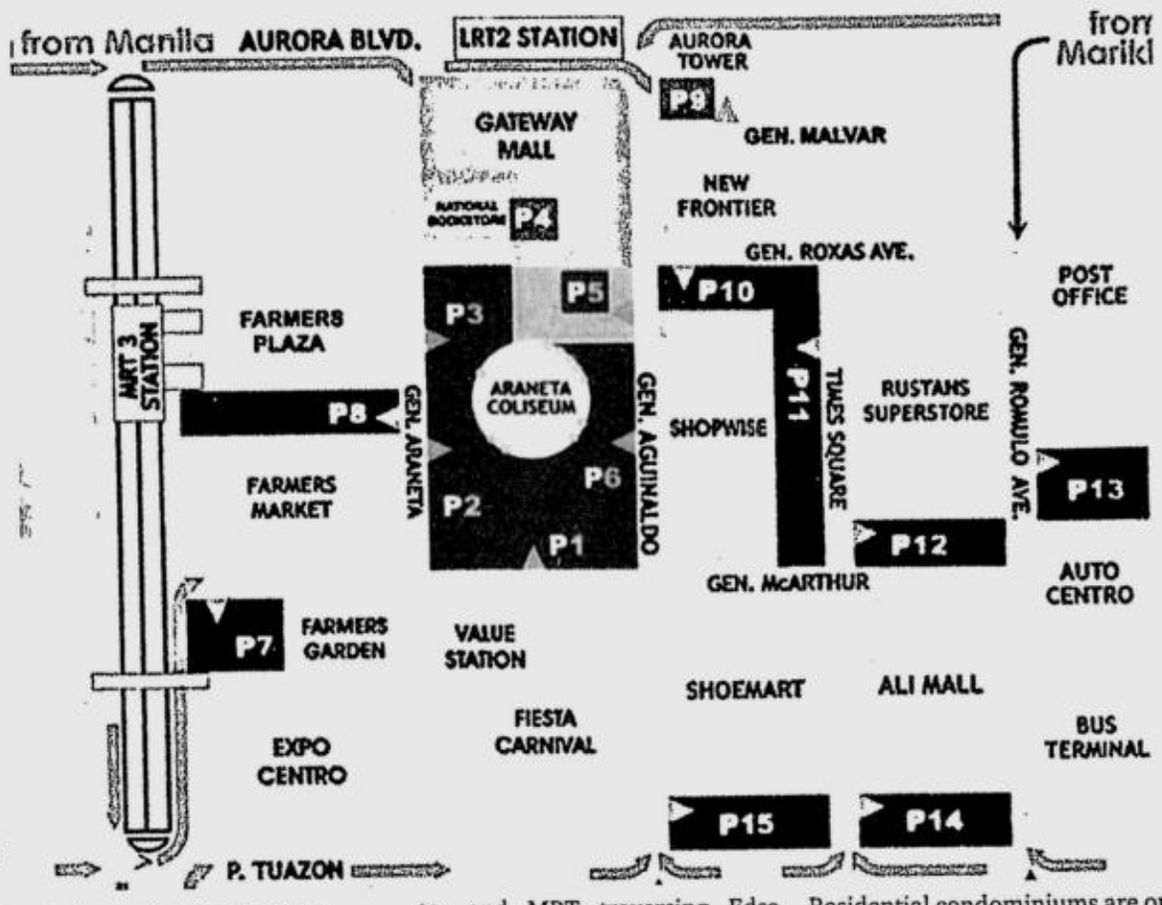
ARANETA Coliseum under construction in the late 1950s

In time, having become a major transport hub, Cubao became almost as notorious as Quiapo as a place where snatchers, holduppers, pickpockets and all sorts of shady characters operated quite profitably. The buildings became grimy, the streets, dirty and stores, boarded up. People stopped going there on purpose.

Well, all that changed last year. The operation of two major rail routes—LRT III, serving Aurora Boulevard from Marikina to Recto, and MRT traversing Edsa—made Don Amado's heirs realize they had a very unique advantage over other existing commercial hubs. The two lines converged at Araneta Center. Hence, the rebirth of Araneta Center and, by osmosis, of Cubao.

Gateway Mall, appropriately named because it is the central meeting point of the mass transit lines, opened. Farmers Market got a much-needed and long-overdue makeover. Soon, Ali Mall will sport a more spiffy look, too. Residential condominiums are on the drawing board, and perhaps one or two deluxe hotels. Long-term tenants and property owners have caught the fever and are equally busy prettifying themselves.

The result: a new, bustling, humming, vibrant Araneta Center. It now buzzes with a momentum that would have stunned passersby not too long ago. Finally, the erstwhile capital city of the Philippines has a commercial hub of which it can be proud.



MAP shows the Araneta commercial and entertainment hub in Cubao bounded by Aurora Boulevard, Edsa and P. Tuason and Gen. Carlos P. Romulo Streets.

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Reclaiming a past glory

'Farmers Market? Wow! That one's big and it's going to be so pretty. That's my baby. I'm very excited about it. I guess I'm the mother of the palengke. Nahawa na ako kay Mr. Palengke'

JUDY ARANETA-ROXAS, MOTHER of Sen. Mar Roxas and widow of Sen. Gerry Roxas, talked to Lifestyle recently about the family's plans for Araneta Center.

The property in Cubao stretches from block to block, from building to building, as the patriarch, the late Amado Araneta, had wanted to have the "biggest, the tallest, the first" of anything in the Philippines. Thus, Cubao was and is Araneta Country.

Two months before the declaration of martial law, however, Don Amado was in the United States when martial law was declared. He never returned, and Cubao languished with his absence, prompting people from Makati and Greenhills to dismiss it as another Quiapo.

Now the Araneta heirs are trying to carry on Don Amado's vision, primarily his son, his daughter Judy Roxas and his grandchildren by daughter Baby Fores. They are out to reclaim past glory for their corner of the earth. With the opening of Gateway last year, the whole complex suddenly looks upgraded.

A Cubao tradition that people from anywhere in the metropolis look forward to at this time of the year is the Christmas lighting. The new Christmas tree was lighted last Friday. The Belen will be unveiled on Dec. 3.

As it was in Christmases past, all roads will eventually lead to Araneta Center.

Were you born here?

I was born in Negros. But the others were born in Manila—my brother Jorge and my sister Baby were born here.

So your father acquired this after you had already moved to Manila?

Oh yes, this was acquired, very interestingly, from the Radio Corporation of America, RCA—he probably chose this property because it has a natural elevation. From here you can look down to the rest of Metro Manila.

They used this as communication center for RCA. They had several antennas and there was a station somewhere on the property. But it was not just because it was high or whatever that he bought it (laughter). As a matter of fact, he bought the property for our house before this. We were already living here when he purchased this bigger lot from RCA.

How did he end up buying all of this when it was kind of dangerous then?

Yes, it was dangerous. We were scared to pass along Highway 54 but he built a house there. Well, that's my father. (Laughter)

I think many of the places are being done in keeping with his vision for this property of about 35 ha. From the very beginning he knew exactly how this would look.

Why would he build a coliseum as big as Araneta in those days?

He bought the property in 1955. And the coliseum was inaugurated in 1960. People were telling him, "Who in the world would come here?" I think the most interesting bit about the coliseum was that it was built without any outside contractor. It was just him and his engineer—we had an in-house engineer—Mr. Lugtu. I have to demonstrate this... (stands up to show how her father, Don Amado, would measure the length or width simply by the number of steps he made) "*Ganon, ganon. O sige,* up to here." (Laughter)

Honestly, *ni walang* study except that he sent the engineer to Rome to look at the Colosseum there. (Laughter)

At walang construction company, just Mr. Lugtu, an architect and AG&P. And you would see my father (stands up), "*O sige, hanggang dito, urong nang konti, urong nang konti*." (Laughter) As a matter of fact, we have pictures of the stages, the progress of the construction of the coliseum. I think it is an engineering feat because it has no columns.

And there has never been any trouble?

Wala. With the construction, *talagang wala*. With the safety, *wala*.

So after your house, the coliseum was the first building that was built in the center?

At Aurora [Boulevard], the first thing he put up was an office building, then the coliseum. And there was nothing here except for the coliseum. *Yun na nga*, people were telling him: "That's crazy, no one will go there." It was huge, even now it's still huge.

As a matter of fact, for a time, it was the largest covered court in the world. It's bigger than the Roman Colosseum. He sent Mr. Lug-

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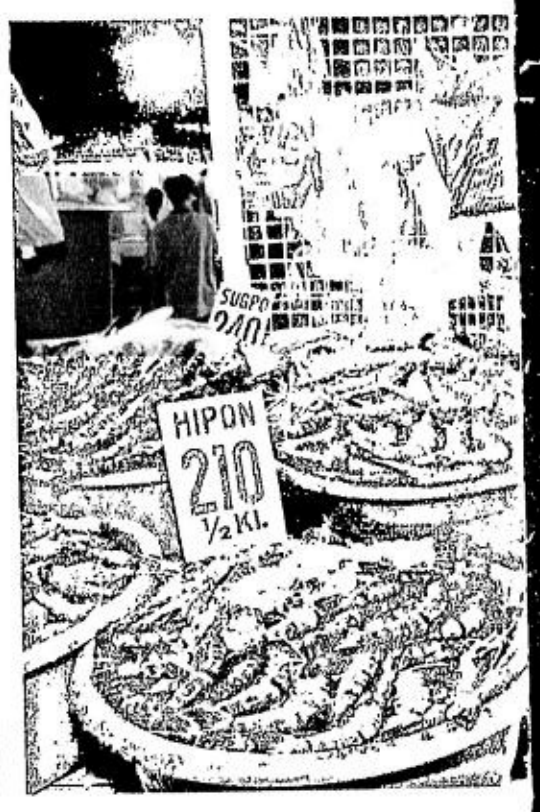

FARMERS MARKET

Che

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
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DID YOU KNOW THAT THE country's top chefs get their ingredients from Farmers Market in the Araneta Center in Cubao?

Culinary expert Reggie Aspiras goes to Farmers thrice a week for fresh seafood and hard-to-find vegetables and herbs. Jessie Sincioco of Le Souffle buys lobsters and prawns there. Sylvia Reynoso-Gala and Heny Sison purchase their herbs and spices there.

Gaita Fores of Pepato and Cibo checks out Farmers three to four times a week just to see what's in season and also to buy fresh flowers. Most of the ingredients needed for her restaurants come from Farmers since her commissaries are just right next door. In fact, she only walks to market from the Bahay na Puti (the Araneta residence in Araneta Center).

Gene Gonzalez of Café Ysabel sources his Chinese vegetables and fresh mushrooms from Farmers. He also procures from there his tuna, squids and live shrimps for his jumping salad. Sometimes, he takes along his students from the Center for Asian Culinary Studies.

Chef David Pardo de Ayala of Discovery Suites and Country Suites in Tagaytay explores Farmers early in the morning for fresh seafood, especially mussels for his bouillabaisse. He also buys such fruits as chico, baby bananas, *lanzones* and *rambutan*.

Ed Quimson of Chef Ed's and Filos scours Farmers for an assortment of things—peeled shrimps, *alimangong bakla*, native veggies like *batuan* (hard green fruit used to sour dishes), ripe *alugbati* and *pako*, goat meat for his *kaldereta*; *bagoong*, *guinamos* and dried fish.

José Sotto of La Vigne makes a trip to Farmers three to five times a week for seafood, *tofu* (or tofu, for his *tokwa't baboy*), lime leaves and

Reclaiming

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tu there (then) *pinahabaan niya*. "How many steps to be bigger than the Coliseum?" *sabi niya*. (Laughter)

What did he have in mind when he built the coliseum? For concerts *talaga*?

You know, what was really driving him was to give those who cannot travel a chance to see beautiful shows. Until now, I think it is one of the biggest theaters.

And the Farmers Market?

Farmers Market? Wow! That one's big and it's going to be so pretty. That's my baby. I'm very excited about it. I guess I'm the mother of the *palengke*. (Laughter) *Nahawa ako kay* Mr. Palengke (her son Sen. Mar Roxas). (Laughter)

But is it open?

Business as usual. *Kasi* you cannot stop the operation of the market, *tuluy-tuloy yan*. When we're working on their stalls, we move them somewhere else, then we put them back.

And your tenants have been there ever since it opened?

Yes. *Milyonaryo na sila*. (Laughter) The buildings that have been here for many years also have tenants that have been here for many, many years. And my father was more sociable than us. He knew all of them. Every day he would go around and buy a little something from them.

Many of the tenants would say later: "*Naku, kilala ko talaga si* Mr. Araneta. '*Pag wala pa kaming buena mano*, good luck *yan*. (Laughter) I think that's how they did business before. *Walang* computer. *At saka hindi* corporate.

My father was definitely not corporate. I think that's one difference with the Araneta Group, *kasi* we're

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EVEN top chefs tap Farmers Market to source the best sea ingredients.

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CRUSTACEANS get the nod of gourmets and gourmands.

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CHORIZOS de Bilbao hold court at processed-meat section.

IT WOULD not be a true farmer's market without the fruits.

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But Farmers Market is not just for professional chefs.

Laden with goods

On any given day, even food processors, restaurant owners and caterers compete with other consumers in buying the Market's best produce. On weekends, the scene becomes even more chaotic.

Farmers Market has about 584 tenants selling fruits, meat, processed foods, eggs, rice, garden plants and fresh flowers.

The *bagsakan* offers fresh fish from Quezon, Bulacan and Malabon at least twice a day. If you can't wake up early enough to do your marketing in the morning, you can catch fresh supply at around 2 p.m. But much of the trading between wholesalers and retailers of vegetables and meat is carried out from midnight to dawn.

The great thing about Farmers Market is that vendors with proper stalls are all situated together in the same area or alley so as not to confuse consumers. Rental fee for each stall ranges from P15,000 to P 50,000 per month depending on the floor size.

Fresh produce

Farmers has been known for the variety of its fresh seafood. In fact, about 80 percent of its major offerings are seafood. The rest are meat products, fruits and vegetables.

Seafood includes the *dulong* (the smallest fish), *labahita*, *lapu-lapu*, crabs, squid, octopus, shrimp, *alamang* and even *diwal* (angel's wings). You can also get pink salmon, tuna, pompano, marlin, boneless *daing na bangus*, *hito*, *tilapia*, scallops and red snapper.

Prices of marine products at Farmers are lower than those in other markets. Salmon belly costs about P250 a kilo, salmon head P140/kg, tuna sashimi P220/kg, blue marlin P260/kg, mahimahi P50/kg, pompano P180/kg and *galunggong* P80/kg.

Sugpo sells for P170/half a kilo, lobster at P350/kg and crab (big) at P220/kg.

In the green section, vegetables, native and imported, abound, from *alugbati*, *saluyot* and *malunggay*, to small cucumbers, baby carrots, different kinds of lettuce, eggplants in various shapes and sizes, and Chinese *kangkong*.

Fresh herbs like sweet basil, *pandan* and rosemary are also available.

Vegetables you won't find elsewhere will probably be available at Lolita Ong Dy's Lolita's Vegetables. If it does not have it, the proprietor will try to get them for you. She has four stalls which carry veggies that even high-end supermarkets probably don't have. She has the herbs sage and thyme, for example, as well as *lollo rosa* (a lettuce variety), red cabbage, Thai red chili, yellow capsicum, winter mushroom and kaffir lime leaf.

Meat products

Since Farmers does not have its own slaughterhouse, most of its meat products come from various places, such as beef from Batangas, live chicken from Bulacan and pork from the different government-accredited slaughterhouses in Quezon City and Metro Manila.

Goat meat is also available.

Farmers carries only about 85 stalls selling meat items compared to the 172 stalls offering seafood.

Beef brisket is sold from P190-P230/kg, while beef brisket is at P160-P180. Fully dressed chicken ranges from P90 to P100/kg, while chicken drumsticks, wings and breasts cost P110-120/kg. Pork *liempo* can be obtained at P140/kg, while *lomo* is at P160/kg.

In another section of Farmers near the McArthur entrance, there is an abundant choice of fresh fruits, both locally and internationally sourced. You can find local fruits like mangoes, pineapples, *rambutan*, bananas, watermelon, and imported fruits like Fuji apples, grapes and Valencia oranges at prices much less than what supermarkets are selling them for.

Just around the corner, there are itinerant vendors who sell *kakanin* (native cakes) such as *suman*, *bibingka*, *puto*, *pastillas*, *empanadas* and *kutsinta*.

Farmers Market also houses tenants selling cut flowers and potted plants. If you want to brighten up your day, check out the dazzling yellows, hot reds and vivid violets abloom in one corner of the market.

Don't be worried about the security around the market. Thirty-six guards, working in three shifts, are roving 24 hours a day.

Do your marketing at Farmers early. The good stuff goes fast. And don't forget to bring a sturdy bag.

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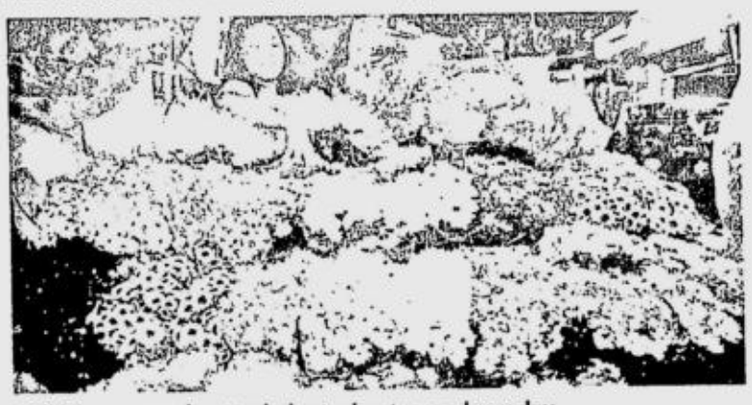

CUT flowers and potted plants de-stress a busy day.

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We really know our tenants, not as well as my father did. I go to the market I know by name. *Si* Aling Kadyang, who sells chicken, has been for many years.

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happy. We're lucky to have a very good designer who be- to a big firm in the United but in the course of our talk im, he had left but we fol- him. He is Indian and has o many things in Asia. He Asia very well. Like this, for example (points to the atrium at the center of Gateway). According to him, he has been wanting to have something like this atrium, this open space. But many of the people he designed for felt it was a waste of space. Jorge took a chance and said, "Let's do it." Now it's a major attraction.

People have their photos taken here.

Yes, yes. They have their photos taken, *nagtatapon ng mga* coins [in the fountain]. *Ako naman, ang* participation *ko* is the gardening. I like plants. There's a little story about that.

We were wondering where to buy those (points to palms). *Isip kami nang isip*. There are palms you can buy but not as tall as those. People have already been to Quezon, *walang ganoong katataas*. The design required trees that reached the top level.

One day we looked out our windows, lo and behold, "*nandyan lang pala*! (Laughter) *Meron pang natitira dun sa bahay* that my father had planted when we started the house in 1952. They were brought in before this was finished *kasi kung hindi, paano mo ipapasok*? There are three or four (plant species) that came from the house. The rest *nilagay na lang*.

It was not easy because you know of course under that is the street. So you have to be careful. We just used *yung parang* what you see on the streets *na* water culverts. And then we had to use [planting medium] that is lighter than real soil. During summer, we have to sprinkle water every night.

Mukhang happy *naman sila sa* location *nila*.

You can tell *naman* if a plant is happy. *Mataba silang lahat*. So I'm very happy about that. And then people dine there at night. There's music at night. It's so romantic.

Did you have a hard time getting tenants for Gateway?

In the beginning, but now, *gusto na nila*. (Laughs) We have a good choice of tenants. The good thing is our clients are really from A to... Z, if there's such a thing! (Laughter)

When we first heard about Gateway, the talk was that it was going to be for the A-B market. But Cubao has always been for ordinary shoppers...

Yes, you can't just eliminate that market. You know, in Cubao, people are in the A-D markets. What we're trying to do is target everyone. Let's say, your target market is A, it doesn't mean *na pababayaan mo na yung iba*. *Parang* people gravitate here. Maybe the A-Bs prefer Gateway. The C *naman* prefers Ali Mall, *kasi nakasanayan na nila*. *Yung* D *naman* because of the transportation, they like to go to Farmers although Farmers attracts even the A-B, from chefs to ordinary housewives. Did you know we have a culinary school inside the market? Yes, they also teach marketing, like how to tell if it's [ingredient] fresh.

What is your tenant mix in Ali Mall?

As a matter of fact, we're opening a *tiangge*. We have the moviehouses. *Siguro* before Christmas, we will be opening a bazaar. High-class *tiangge*. (Laughter)

You can have a night market here *kasi* you have so many people.

Do you know that even for the MRT the busiest station is here? *Ang dami talagang nakatira* around the area. *Walang mga* gated [communities] so *'di talaga malalayo 'yung mga bahay*.

You know, this [LRT] line gets all the way to Recto, can you imagine? And this one *naman* gets close to Ateneo. That's why, up to now, this is the hub of students. If they have a two-hour break, *nandito na sila, kasi* 5 or 10 minutes *lang yan*. *Pag malapit na klase, balik na*, LRT *na naman*.

Are you going to have a residential development?

We have partners, Megaworld, and they're going to start in January with the residential project. The condos will be interconnected with everything.

So will it have high-end or medium-range housing?

Both. I think that is our uniqueness, being *halo-halo*. Democratic *kami, eh*. (Laughter)

What are your plans about art and culture in Cubao?

We are going to convert part of the coliseum into a gallery but, again, it will probably be connected with entertainment, *kasi ang ilalagay namin* are those who have been here before—Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis...

So *ang di na lang nakatayo ngayon is yung* residential?

We're coming up with an IT center. As a matter of fact, we have many inquiries from people interested in putting up call centers in the buildings. Connected with this mall are two big buildings *katabi ng* Aurora. We have—it's not even a call center—outsourcing. Soon, there will be many outsourcing companies and call centers, so we're setting up, where Elephant World was before.

How about hotels?

Maybe later. Oh yeah, in the master plan, *nandyan lahat yan*. *Pero kailangan unti-unti muna*. (Laughs)

Is the family opening a store, going into retail?

Probably not. We'll just develop the property.

But you're also in the food business, right?

Pizza Hut. *Parang* here we also manage the food court. We own the stalls. And the cinemas.

What can we expect for Christmas?

We have restaurants at the top of Rustan's but they are going to start the work in January. So we're converting it temporarily into a place for Christmas shopping. We call it Everything for Christmas.

Are there special shows for Christmas?

Magic. Barney for the kids. In the coliseum, "Spellbound," the Las Vegas show.

What are you most excited about now?

Farmers Market *pa rin*. Because *hindi lang* Gateway *ang matatawag nyo na* "like no other mall." *Eto naman* [Farmers], like no other market in the world. (Laughter)

How do you make decisions around here? Does it usually come from the family?

No, we also have professionals. But major decisions, I think, we make, and perhaps because we are what you'd call hands-on people, my brother and I.

Do each of you have your own turf? *Parang* Farmers is yours and the coliseum is his?

It's not by building. I like the Farmers Market, so that's mine. And I guess I am more involved in leasing.

Will you ever run for public office?

No. (Laughs) *Magpa*-interview *lang ayoko, eh, magra*-run for office *pa*.

But you'll get used to it.

Besides, one in the family is more than enough. (Laughs)

'I think that's one difference with the Araneta Group, kasi we're family. We really know our tenants, though not as well as my father did'

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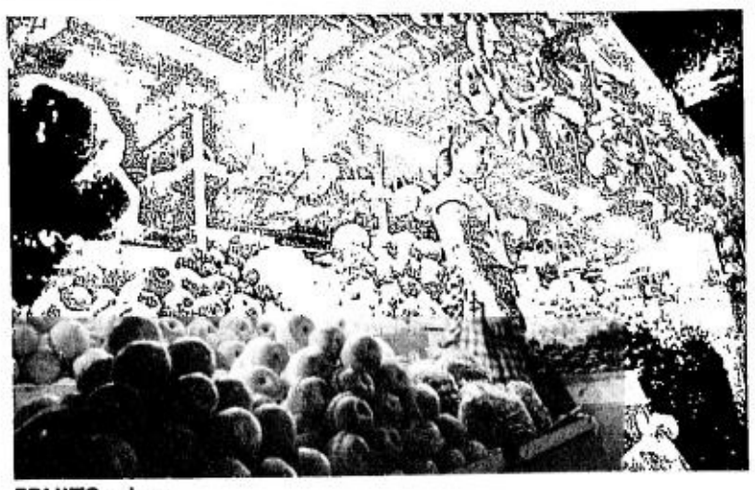

FRUITS galore

TO CAPTURE the festive ambience of provincial markets, a *timbangan ng bayan*, hip logo and grand façade have been installed. PHOTOS: JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

'Palengke' Queen

Recently awarded as Metro Manila's Cleanest and Most Exemplary Wet Market, Farmers has been renovated to the delight of loyal stall owners and shoppers

By Rowena C. Burgos

AT THE 13,000-SQ-M FARMers Market in Araneta Center, stainless pushcarts are now available for shoppers as they look around for the freshest seafood, meat and vegetables.

The pushcarts are part of the Market's redevelopment plan, which costs about P50 million. Old and new customers will be pleased to see that the stalls have been classified by name and category. Directional signs have also been installed along the *pasilyo* (corridor) to make it easier for customers to locate their favorite stores.

To drum up the festival ambience typical of farmer's markets in the province, a *timbangan ng bayan*, hip logo and grand façade have been installed.

New features

Additional comfort rooms with showers will be built. The flooring of the main and secondary corridors has been replaced with tiles and the inner corridor with cemented floor. New drainage lines have been placed, the lights redesigned and exhaust blowers added.

Each stall now has its own sink. Each carries a different color for easy recognition. Meat stores are colored red; fish, blue; veggies, green; fruits, yellow; and flowers, pink. The fruit and veggie stalls have uniform counters of similar height.

The new look of Farmers Market, which was unveiled on Nov. 18, is the brainchild of architect Terry Gavino and Farmers Market property manager Belle de Leon.

"We want to introduce something extraordinary to our tenants and customers. Aside from the pushcart, which is the main attraction, we want to emphasize the modern aspect of the market through new features and amenities. These all came from the synergy of the management and the tenants who were very supportive of the plan," De Leon says.

'Huwarang Palengke'

Farmers Market was recently given a "Huwarang Palengke" (Exemplary Market) Award for its cleanliness and orderliness by the Department of Agriculture. It bested 70 other public and private markets in the metropolis. "This is what inspired us to push through with the renovation plan," says De Leon. The market holds the title of the cleanest *palengke* since the 1980s.

To serve customers better, De Leon says Farmers Market will focus on the improvement of their fish and meat stalls, which are now open 24/7. Tile-coat table top will be provided for meat stalls and aqua-colored tiles for fish stalls. Aquariums for live and fresh seafoods will be displayed at the wet section near the corridor.

There is another reason to enjoy your daily shopping at Farmers Market. More than the freshness and availability of multifarious products, there will be two "Dampa" stalls where customers can buy fresh seafoods any time, which will be cooked right before their eyes. For a lesser budget, diners can savor their favorite dishes at the market's food court, which has more than eight food stalls. These dining areas will be handled by Pizza Hut, which operates almost all the restaurants in Araneta Center.

Farmers Market will also provide a huge portion for *bagsakan* [delivery] of vegetables coming mostly from Baguio.

A *parolan* or stalls selling Christmas décor is now part of the market.

The inauguration of the renovated Farmers Market's on Nov. 18 coincided with its 30th anniversary, which was highlighted by the awarding of loyal market tenants who have been with Farmers since the start.

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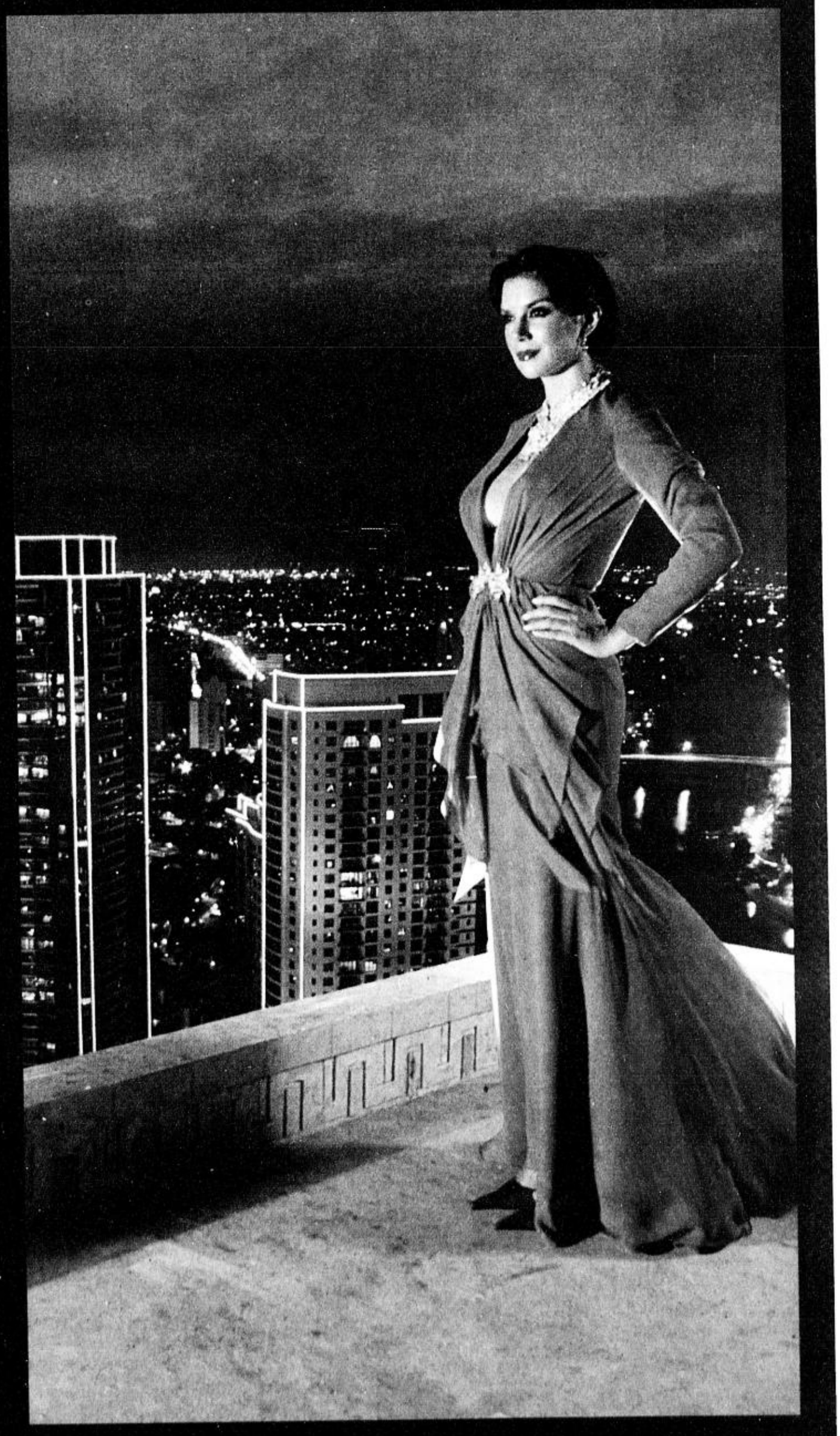

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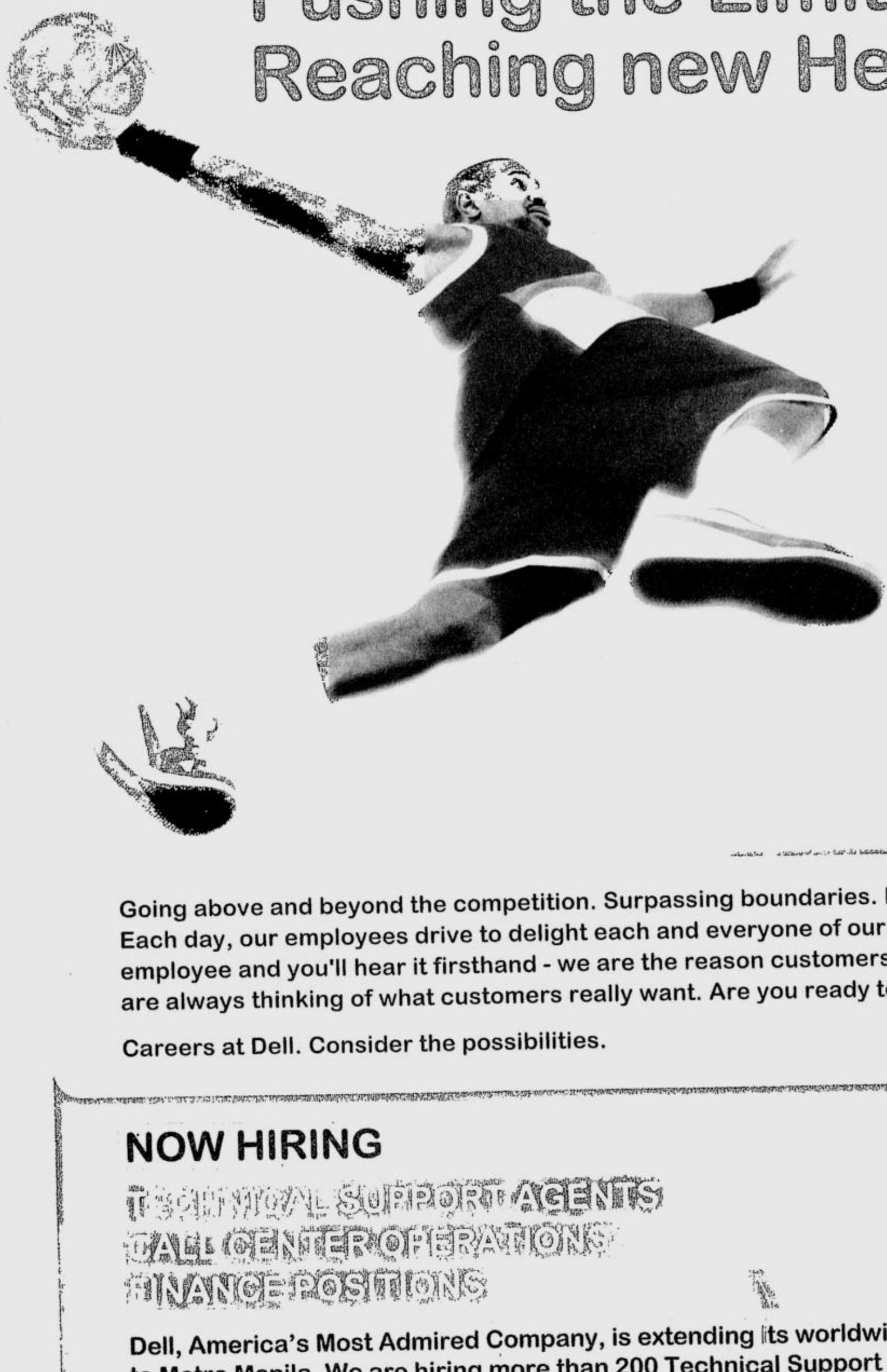

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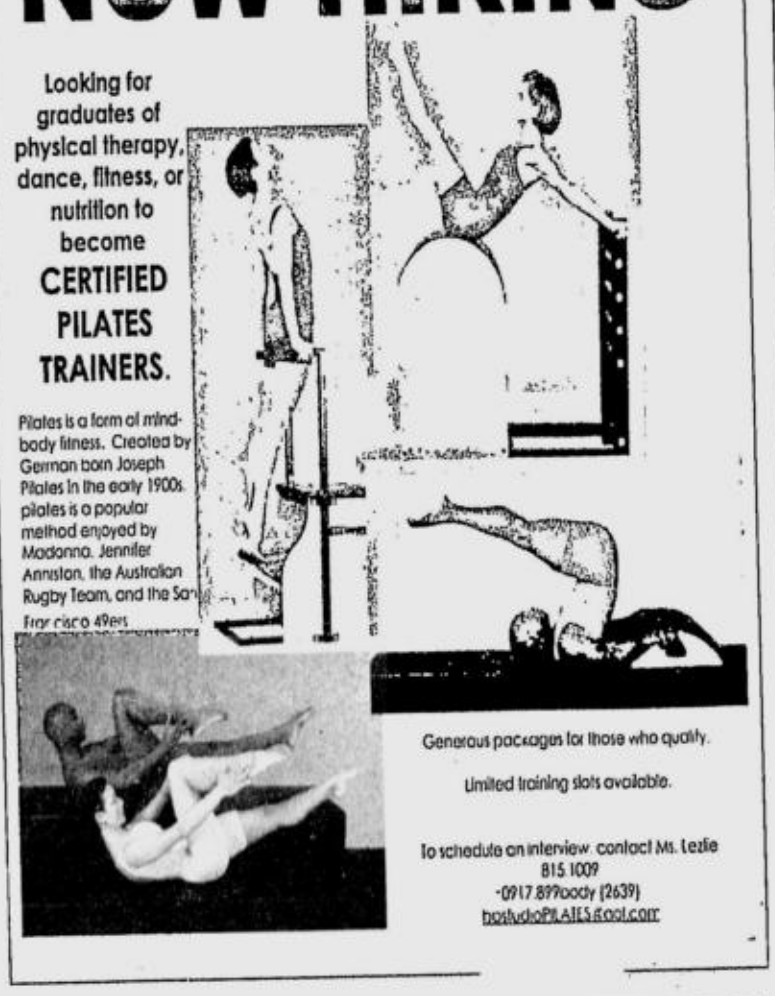

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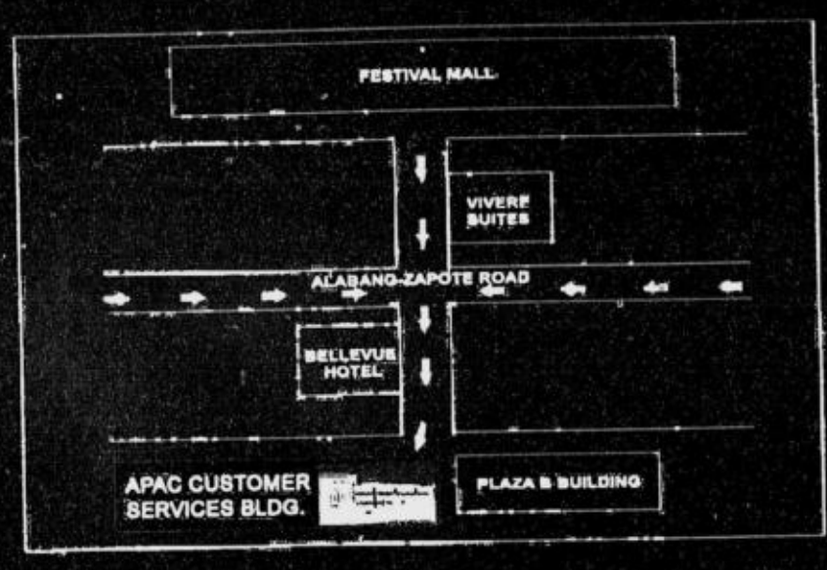

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Scope of Work

Regional Director

Background

The PRISM Project supports USAID/Philippines' Strategic Objective 3, *Desired family size and improved health sustainably achieved*, focusing on three components: 1) increased workplace support for FP services and referrals; 2) establishment of viable, mass market brands of hormonal contraceptives; and 3) increased business value of FP among private practice providers.

Given the nation-wide coverage of the project, regional offices in Cebu and Davao have been established and are now fully operational. The regional divisions function as satellite offices of the project's headquarters in Manila. Another regional division will oversee project implementation in Luzon and be established in Manila near project headquarters

A regional director for each region will have overall responsibility for the implementation of activities in each region. Implementation will focus on working with project partners in the strategic areas to implement a core package of grants, technical assistance and training. A key responsibility will be the integration of regional staff to accomplish all activities and achieve all targets and objectives in the region. The regional director will also ensure the synchronization of the activities of the three components in a manner that component activities are complementing each other's goals. All staff in regional offices report to the regional director. In addition, the regional director will be tasked with monitoring the performance of the field-based FP coordinators, identifying issues and providing solutions, and working with the senior technical advisors to jointly develop a mutually acceptable work plan for each strategic area

The regional director will also directly supervise the activities of component managers in three technical areas, all of whom will work out of the regional office. The component managers are tasked with monitoring activities and providing technical guidance to field implementation activities in their component area, which include workplace-based FP programs, market development, and private provider network expansion. Component managers also provide technical support and oversight to the FP coordinators serving as project managers in each of the strategic areas in their region, comprised of provinces or cities Component managers reporting to the Luzon director will divide responsibilities for north and south Luzon.

General Tasks

1. Review the project technical proposal and other relevant documentation, including the following: USAID/Philippines' strategic plan; documents from past and present projects in the Philippines relevant to PRISM such as the CMS, The Policy Project; research studies on private sector programs and initiatives in family planning; the PRISM annual work plans; PRISM quarterly reports for the first year; the reports from the National Demographic and Health Surveys and Annual Family Planning Surveys; SIA assessment reports; and other relevant materials on local and national FP programs.
2. Participate in the annual project work planning processes and provide input into the establishment of coordination mechanisms between head office and regional field offices.
3. Manage regional office staff in a manner that promotes efficiency and productivity at the workplace.
4. Build effective partnerships with local organizations and represent PRISM in events sponsored by local organizations when necessary.

Specific Tasks

1. Review and approve integrated work plans prepared by FP coordinators, with input from component managers and senior technical advisors, for each SIA in the region;
2. Prepare and submit required reports on time.
3. Review SIA activities with respect to each component objective and evaluate corresponding fund expenditures with respect to cost efficiency.
4. Work with office administrative staff in the preparation of the office annual budget.
5. Engage regional staff in the development of strategies to anticipate, prevent, and counteract potential opposition to project activities.
6. Conduct weekly staff meeting for staff in the regional office, and conduct monthly regional meeting for all regional staff.
7. Plan and conduct orientation and regular monthly meeting of FP coordinators in the SIAs covered by the regional office.
8. Conduct regular quarterly field visits in SIAs, and provide feedback to Manila-based senior technical advisors of any implementation problems that need attention and solutions.
9. Monitor and evaluate the performance of technical and administrative office staff and submit to headquarters performance evaluation forms signed by the staff.
10. Approve all regional expenditures and act as signatory on a regional bank account.

Reporting

The regional director will report directly to the DCOP who will be responsible for the monitoring regional directors' overall performance

Qualifications:

- With at least 10 years of management experience in any of the following fields: family planning, health care, sales, etc.
- Networking experience with health provider associations, pharmaceutical industry associations, business organizations is an advantage
- Preferably with post graduate degree in business, management or other related fields
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- Proficient in Word, Excel, Powerpoint
- For Regional Director - Visayas – preferably resident of Cebu
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- At least two years' working experience in telecommunication project management.
- At least Bachelors Degree of telecommunication engineering or electronics engineering.

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Requirements:
- Bachelor's degree or above majoring in Telecommunications, Electronics, Electrical, or related area.
- Minimum 2 years of related systems engineering and network design experience in the telecommunications and/or data communication environment.
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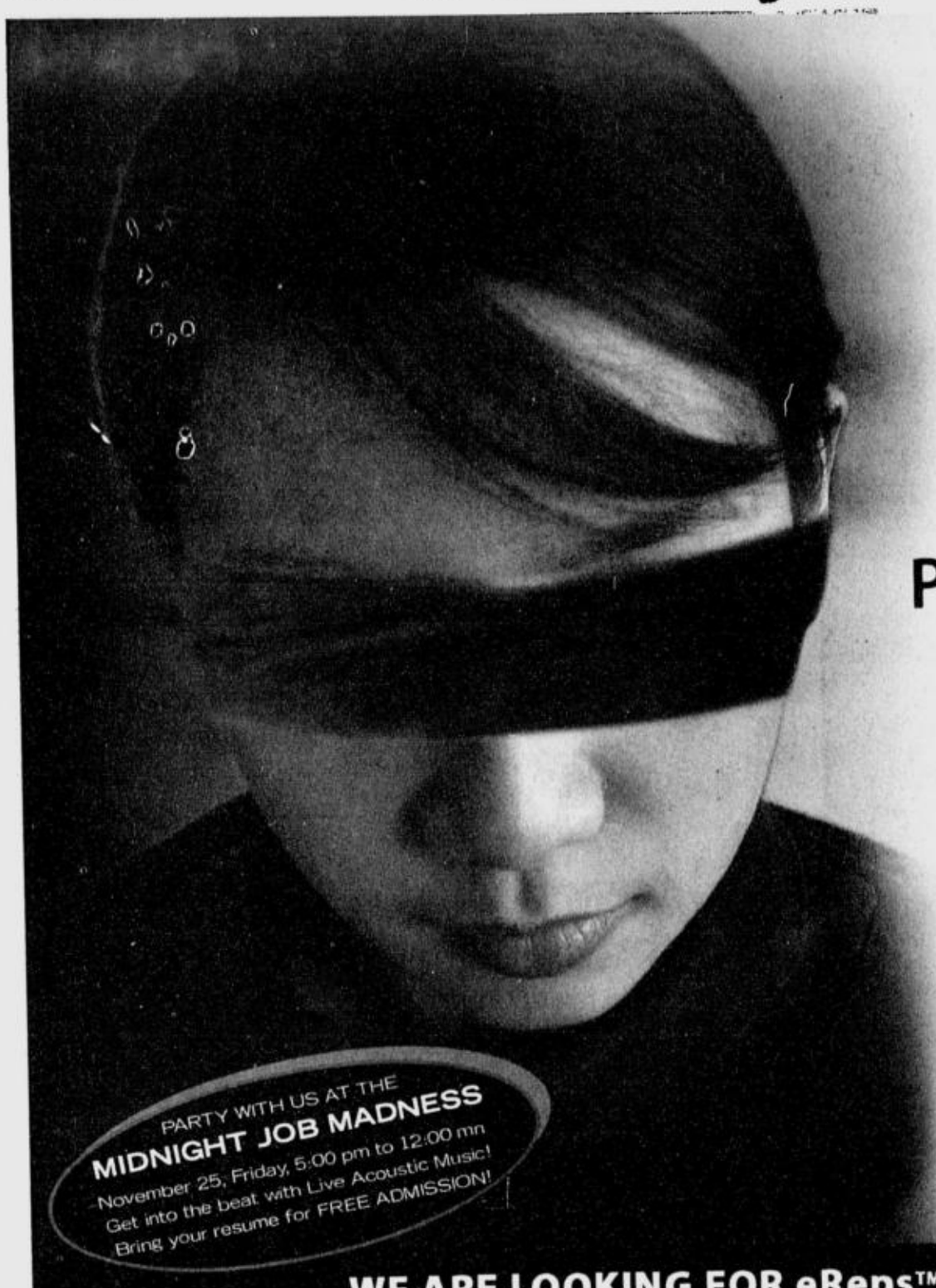

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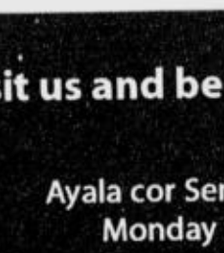

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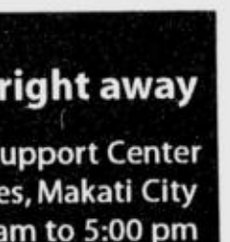

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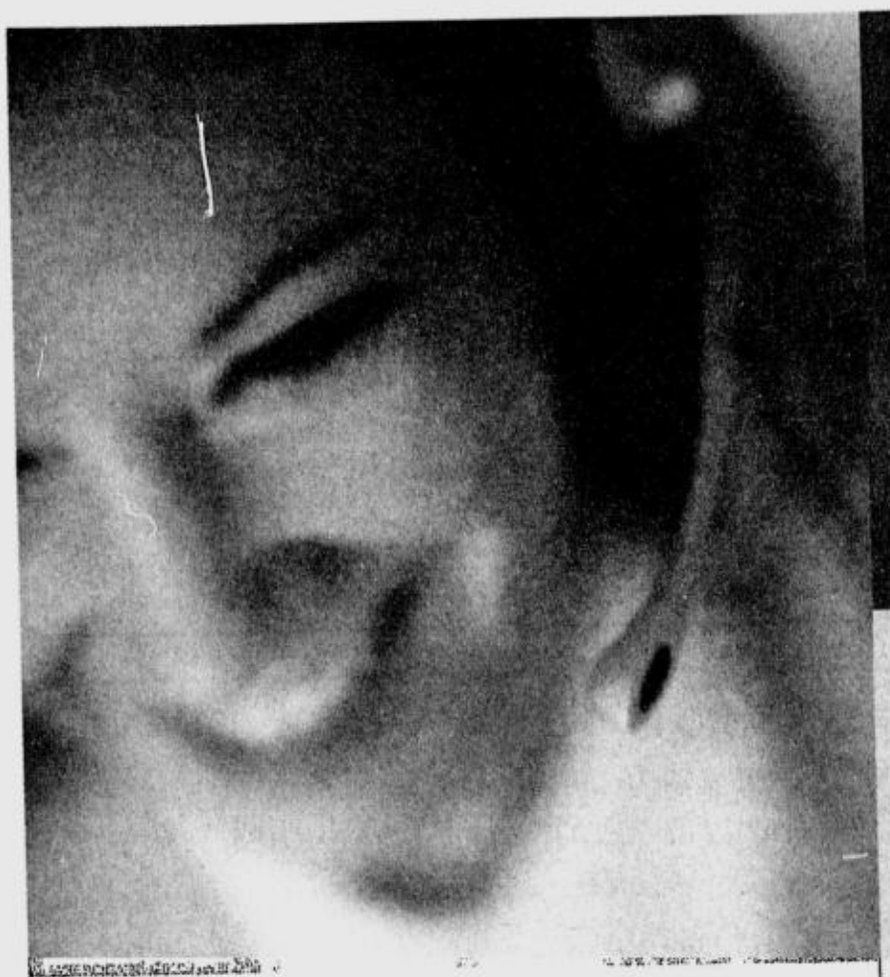

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Project Coordinator for the Project Management Office (PMO) of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), which will be the responsible agency to undertake the **Integrated Programme for the Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Development of Ancestral Domains (IP-EIPSDADS)**. The Project Coordinator will be based at the DAR- FAPsO located at DAR Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Reporting directly to the PDMS/FAPsO Director and with policy and management guidance from the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Technical Working Group (TWG), s/he will coordinate project implementation following the provisions of the grant and project agreements (with the UNDP) and the project's Operations Manual approved by the Project Advisory Committee and the UNDP. He/she shall be responsible to ensure that the required outputs of the different components are delivered by respective implementers and are integrated into the project completion report at the end of the project implementation.

Specifically, the Project Coordinator will perform the following functions:

1. Report regularly at the DAR FAPsO and manage the day-to-day activities of the grant assistance based on the approved Work Plan and Budget and synchronization of all project components.
2. Prepare the Annual Work and Financial Plan for review by the Technical Working Group and approval by the Project Advisory Committee.
3. Coordinate with the NCIP and other agencies involved in project implementation under the direction of the PDMS/ FAPsO Director.
4. Convene and coordinate Technical Working Group and Project Advisory Committee meetings with the officers and members. The Project Coordinator shall also be tasked to prepare and maintain a file of Minutes of Meetings, copies of which shall be provided to the committee members one week after the conduct of a particular meeting.
5. Review overall monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports submitted to the Project Office and provide the PAC and the Technical Working Group a summary of findings and recommendation.
6. Prepare procurement documentation in coordination with the UNDP Finance and Admin Chief and monitor works under contract and report to the PAC and the Technical Working Group findings/observations.
7. Coordinate with other Unit Heads of ARCDP2 in the implementation of Component D of the Project.
8. Generate and supervise data management for the Grant-Assistance.
9. Prepare proposals identified by the IP communities for review by the Technical Working Group and approval by the Project Steering Committee.
10. Coordinate with DAR, NCIP and other agencies in the conduct of consultations/workshops.
11. Perform other IP-related activities which may be assigned by the PAC and the TWG.

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree of any social science course.
- Familiar and knowledgeable on the ARC Development Framework of the Department of Agrarian Reform as well as in preparation of the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP).
- Have an experience in IP Development Planning and implementation of community-driven type of projects; experience in Ancestral Domain is preferred.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, as well as strong program planning and management skills including administrative management.
- Ability to work cooperatively with others in the performance of tasks.
- Proficient in the use of various MS Office application softwares, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, among others.

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Project Coordinator for the Portfolio Secretariat to be based at NEDA-SDS, 4/F NEDA Bldg., Jose Maria Escriva Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Under the direct supervision of the NEDA-SDS (Housing Division), s/he will perform the following functions:

1. Assist NEDA-SDS in managing the day-to-day coordinative work between and among the responsible agencies and UNDP to facilitate the implementation of the GOP-UNDP Portfolio on "*Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Reducing Human Poverty*";
2. Establish specific procedures for the responsible agencies' reporting and financial disbursements in accordance with the approved Annual Work Plan (AWP) and in line with UNDP guidelines;
3. Liaise/coordinate with the responsible agencies in the conduct of meetings, workshops, consultations and other similar activities;
4. Provide technical backstopping and secretariat support services to the UNDP-GOP Executive Committee, Local Project Appraisal Committee (LPAC), Technical Working Group (TWG), and other bodies;
5. Coordinate, monitor and ensure timely delivery and high quality outputs/activities of the implementing agencies under the Portfolio, specifically:
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   - 5.3 Prepare and submit to NEDA-SDS and UNDP periodic reports on the status of project activities;
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6. Attend to and provide substantive inputs to meetings, trainings and other fora related to the project activities;
7. Attend to various requests for data and information relating to the Portfolio;
8. Conduct field researches and visits as needed; and
9. Perform other tasks that may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree relevant to the job, preferably in Economics, Public Administration, Statistics, Social Sciences and related fields.
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- At least 10 hours of training relevant to the job, particularly on results-based management, development administration and management.
- Proficient in the use of various MS application softwares such as Excel, Word and Powerpoint.
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Project Assistant for the Portfolio Secretariat to be based at NEDA-SDS, 4/F NEDA Bldg., Jose Maria Escriva Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

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2. Coordinate, monitor and ensure timely delivery of outputs/activities of the responsible agencies under the Portfolio;
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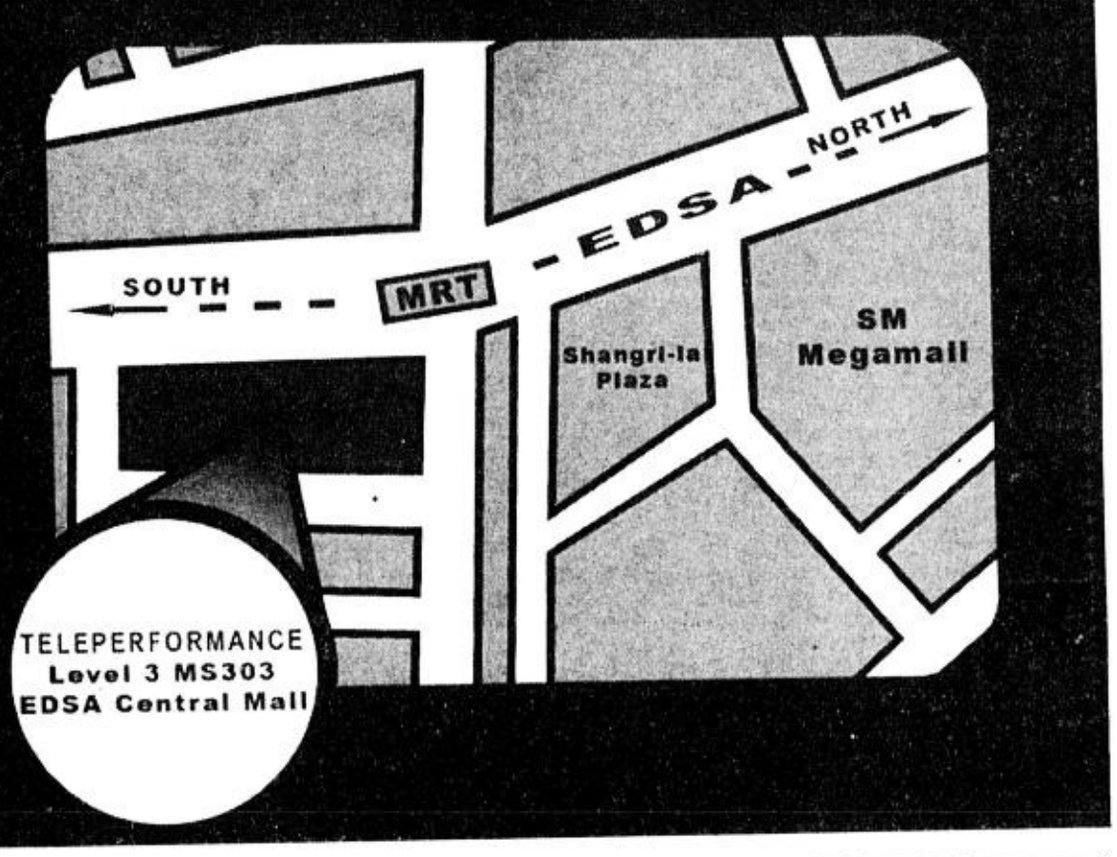

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  - Disseminating information materials
  - Collecting information relevant to the programme
- In the absence of the Programme Officers, receive and/or transmit information to and from partners, and where clear and instructed, deal with partners concerns.
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- To act as member of the Philippine team of Oxfam Great Britain

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- Mature understanding of development work in the Philippines, preferably in natural disaster management
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- At least three years work experience with local NGO's or grassroots organizations; knowledge of the Philippine NGO environment, its dynamics and operations
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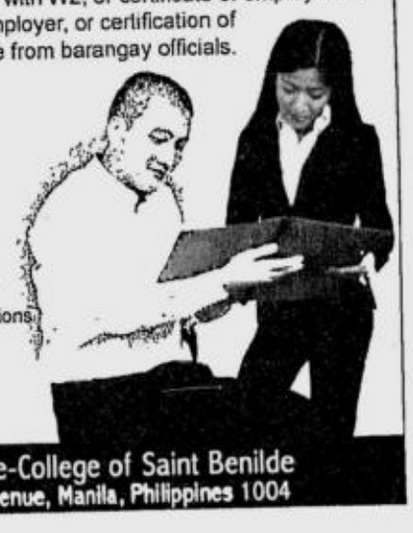

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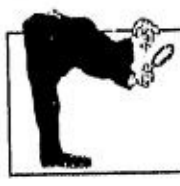

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INNOVATING BRAND 'YOU' (PART III)

Unlock the secrets to innovating brand 'you'

By Regina Galang Reyes,
People at Work editor

AWARENESS IS A POWERFUL tool for survival. Early man had heightened awareness of his surroundings and his situation. If he was not acutely aware of what was happening around him, he would not be able to avoid danger nor prepare for it. All his senses had to be alert and his body ready to act at a moment's notice. "Fight or flight" is the early man's response to his perception of challenges to his existence. It is the same response now as technological man tries to understand and find meaning in his complicated existence in the modern world.

Awareness is the key to dealing with challenges whether you are confronted by a snake in the jungle, or "swimming with the sharks" at work, or battling "emotional vampires" at home. Once you know what you are dealing with, the snake can be killed, the sharks avoided and the "vampire" staked at the heart.

This holds true if you want to improve yourself or innovate brand "you." An important step is being aware of the obstacles to your improvement. And more often than not, a major obstacle could be in you—your way of thinking, your mindset, and your paradigms.

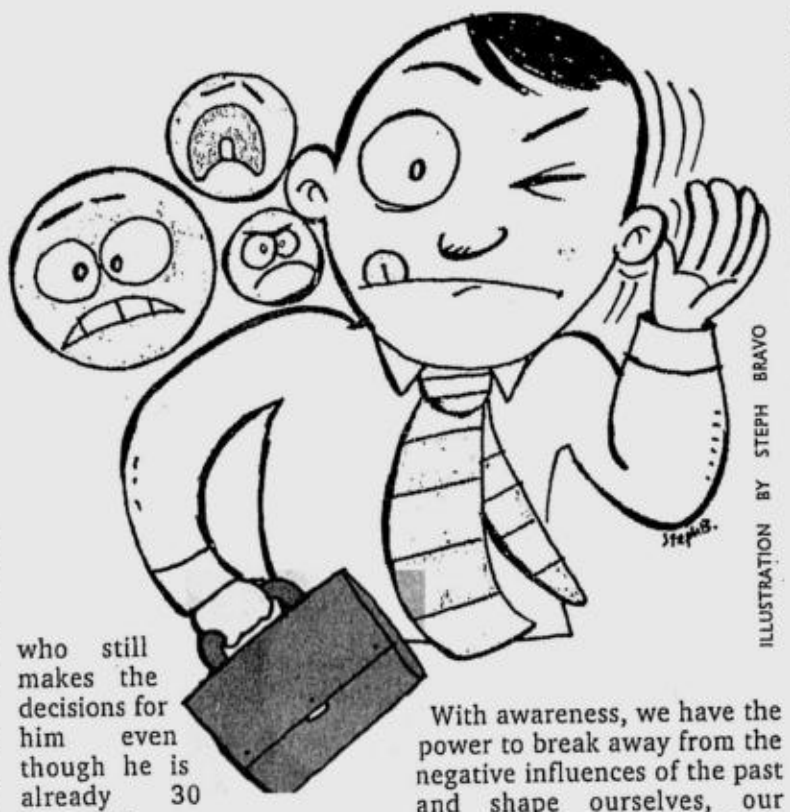
The second innovation strategy mentioned in the first part of this series of articles is: *Be aware of your mental blocks to change brought about by years of negative programming from your childhood to adulthood and created by negative influences at home, in school, at work and in the media. Becoming aware of these blocks will help you remove these obstacles to change.*

Connections to the past

As we mature into adults, we are often unaware that people and events in the past have combined to form the thoughts, ideas, values and attitudes that we now have and which affect the way we behave on a day-to-day basis.

Sometimes, a working mom may catch herself thinking, "Now, why do I get so mad when my husband prevents me from going out with my colleagues?" She does not make the connection to an incident when she was 16 when her father berated her for going to a party without permission.

A male employee may wonder, "Why am I so mad at my lady boss?" He does not realize that his boss looks like his mom who still makes the decisions for him even though he is already 30 years old.



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A dad is consumed by guilt every time he spanks his six-year-old son. He does not remember that when he was also very young, his father often beat him with a belt.

Yes, people and events from our past have shaped us, but this does not mean that we will continue to be shaped by them. With awareness, we have the power to break away from the negative influences of the past and shape ourselves, our present and future, to the best of our human potential.

Mental blocks

To help you identify some common mental blocks to change, here's a list of phrases we usually tell ourselves and others (I will translate these into Filipino so that you can easily recognize these blocking phrases).

1. **"I will not (do something) because I will surely fail."** (*Hindi kaya ng "powers" ko ang mga hamon na 'yan!*)

Even before going into battle, you have already defeated yourself with this thinking. You will definitely not win the lottery, if you do not buy a lottery ticket. You will not pass the entrance examination in Ateneo if you will not apply for the exam. You will not get hired by Company X if you do not submit your application letter. You will surely fail at everything you do if you do absolutely nothing.

On the other hand, if you buy a lottery ticket, you have a chance in a million at winning (at least there's a chance!). If you apply to Ateneo, with some hard studying, you might get accepted. If you send your application to a thousand companies, you might get 10 callbacks. If you, like Thomas Edison, try invent thousands of gadgets, like him, you might end up inventing many useful things, like the multiplex telegraph, ticker tape machine (a variation of the telegraph) and other telegraphic innovations, and of course, the light bulb, the power plant, the phonograph, the film projector, and many other inventions.

Consider these true stories that show the fallacy of this thinking. She is a popular singer at the peak of her career and yet, she chooses to write children's books (Madonna). He was a college dropout hooked on drugs and Eastern philosophy but he was able to establish one of the biggest IT companies in the world (Steve Jobs). He was booted out of the company he founded but ended up bringing a company to the top of the movie animation industry and ended up back in the company he founded (Steve Jobs again!) She was a sultry club singer with a powerful voice but when she matured, she became a well-known broadcaster on radio and TV (Ali Sotto who used to be known as Amapola). She was an HR manager for 20 years with an adolescent dream of becoming a writer but at the age of 45, succeeded in becoming an editor (albeit a part-time one) of the number one newspaper in the country (that's yours truly!).

2. **"There is no more way to improve (an object, a process, a person)."** (*Wala na 'yang pag-asa.*)

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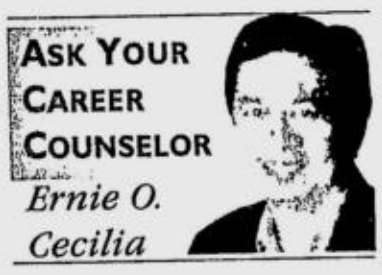
'How can I find my ideal boss?'



I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN A large multinational company for more than 10 years now. I think my greatest misfortune in my career is that I have not yet met my ideal boss. All the while, I have adjusted to all the bosses that I have had in the past. Still in all, I find that somehow there is always something wrong with the bosses I had. Many times I would think that something must be wrong with me. But I don't think I have been unreasonable with my expectations from my bosses.

Is there such a thing as an ideal boss? How will I know if my expectations from my bosses are unreasonable? Can I really choose the boss I want? How can I tell my boss now how I want him to be—without antagonizing my boss?

Choosy

It is said that God has given all His creation free will. The greatest power that a person can ever have is the power to choose. Everyday, we are making choices in our life—some small, some big and earthshaking choices. We make a choice where to dine, what movie to watch, and make such other mundane decisions. More often, we belabor making these small decisions. In other cases, especially those that tremendously affect our lives and career, we seem helpless about making choices or we simply leave everything to chance. Sometimes, we even think that we have no choice at all. It is not unusual for me to hear many employees complain about their bosses and feel helpless about their situation. Some would even say, "I have no choice." But you have a choice.

The ideal boss

If you want to have a great career, you simply have to do what you love and love what you do. You can't have a great career if you hate your job, your boss or the other people you work with.

I am glad that you have no problem with your job. Perhaps, you were able to choose your job well. However, you seem to have a problem finding your ideal boss. If you know how to find an ideal job, it would be easy to know how to find an ideal boss. Actually, finding one is the more difficult task.

The first step to finding an ideal boss is to be clear in your mind what an ideal boss is. When asked, many people know what they do not want in a boss, rather than what they want the boss to be. That's all right. Based on feedback from most people at work that I was able to talk with about bosses, here are the most common qualities expected of subordinates from their bosses:

Integrity

Employees want their boss to have integrity, above all. Integrity is doing what you say you will do. Bosses with a high degree of integrity keep their promises. If they say they will do something for their people, they will do it as they said they would. If they announce a salary increase, you can count on it on the date they said it would appear in your pay envelope.

Transparency

Great bosses are transparent, sometimes to the point of being "brutally truthful." Unlike patronizing bosses, great

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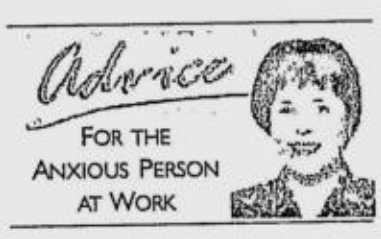
Should I continue to play hero?



By Tita Datu Puangco

GREETINGS FROM PALAU. I am a Filipina, in my mid-30s, a single mom of three teenagers. I was recruited to work in Palau as news writer for its local English newspaper last Oct. 28, 2003.

After few months of working, I complained to the Division of Labor about my employer's illegal deductions, unpaid long work hours, and breach of contract. This has been a long-time problem of overseas contract workers here, mostly Filipinos. They are sometimes sent home without any consideration. We do not have legal counsel here and private lawyers are expensive. Fortunately, I was able to get assistance from an American lawyer who took pity on my plight, and shared the intensity of my desire to work for my cause.

For almost a year, I am still working on this case. I look forward to our trial set in December. I pray that there will be no more delay. We filed 14 counts of charges against my employer/publisher with the Division of Labor and the Division of Immigration for violation of rules.

I was recently allowed to work on a temporary basis to support myself. I was jobless for more than six months. Sad to say, I was not able to get help from the Filipino community and the embassy for fear of reprisal. I got support from the foreigners here. They know all the malpractice and abuses of foreign workers and they want my case to be an eye-opener.

Sometimes, I want to quit and go home. I want to be with my family. I thought I would be happy if I win in fighting for my right to work in another company but I am not.

I have a feeling of being an outcast. This company is composed of 98 percent Filipino workers. I am being bullied because I came from the rival newspaper and I was doing well then.

I have a strong personality and good public relations skills. I also have good looks and bearing. I cannot maximize my talents because they are barring my way. I'm really upset, if not only for my case, my lawyer's efforts and my friends' moral support, I'd prefer to be jobless again and just wait until the case is over.

But of course, I cannot be penniless in a foreign place. I also have children to consider. Sometimes I ask myself, am I playing hero here? Is it worth all my pain and sufferings?

Overseas Contract Worker

Thank for your letter. Today, what is buoying up the Philippine economy are the remittances of our overseas contract workers. It is vital that our Department of Labor and Employment provide persons like you vital moral and legal support. Have you written them about your plight? I know how responsive the department has been in many cases. Now, why do you fear reprisal?

Now your dilemma is whether or not you should continue your plight to get justice in a foreign land. My suggestion is to weigh your

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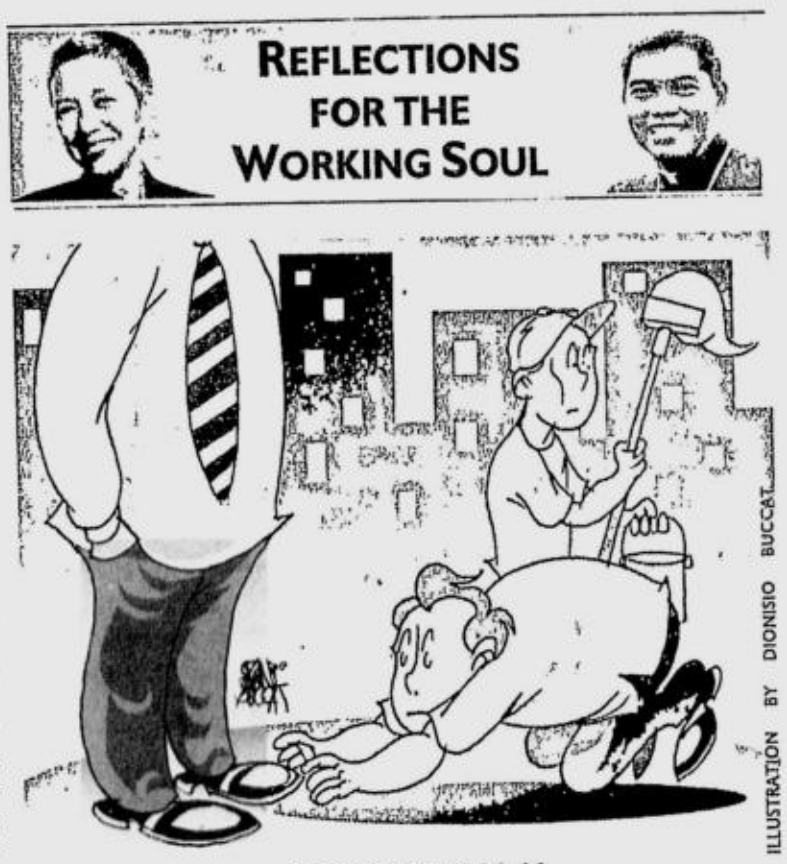
Seeing is imagining

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THE WORKPLACE AFFORDS EXCELLENT GROUND FOR PRACticing what Jesus teaches in today's Gospel. It would be easy to do something "for the least ones" if only we could see Jesus in them! For Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, picking up the homeless, dying destitute from the streets was an effortless task because, as she would say, she "would see Jesus in them." So she would care for them personally, offer them comfort, embrace them in their deathbed, as she could visualize Jesus in these unwanted persons.

At the workplace, seeing Jesus in the least ones would be a feat of the imagination since we don't have Mother Teresa's spiritual "eyes." It's easy to be nice to the "big ones" at work—people we like to please—but what about those we can do without? We can get a headache straining our imagination to "see" Jesus in the nobodies so we can be good to them also for His sake. But why, for goodness' sake, must we go out of our way to be nice to people we don't really care about—the janitress, the messenger, the canteen helper, the driver? Chances are we'd think it's not worth the bother—but it most definitely is, for certain reasons.

The practical and rather self-serving reason is: the "small fry" are part of the workplace; if we're good to them, they'll also be good to us. Being good to them is also worthwhile even if it may not immediately produce quantifiable and self-satisfying results for us. Doing the least ones a good turn (believing we are doing it for the Lord), we acknowledge their dignity as human persons, making them feel good about themselves. And that's not a small thing towards attaining harmony in our little corner of the world! (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



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Gospel: Mt. 25:31-46

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

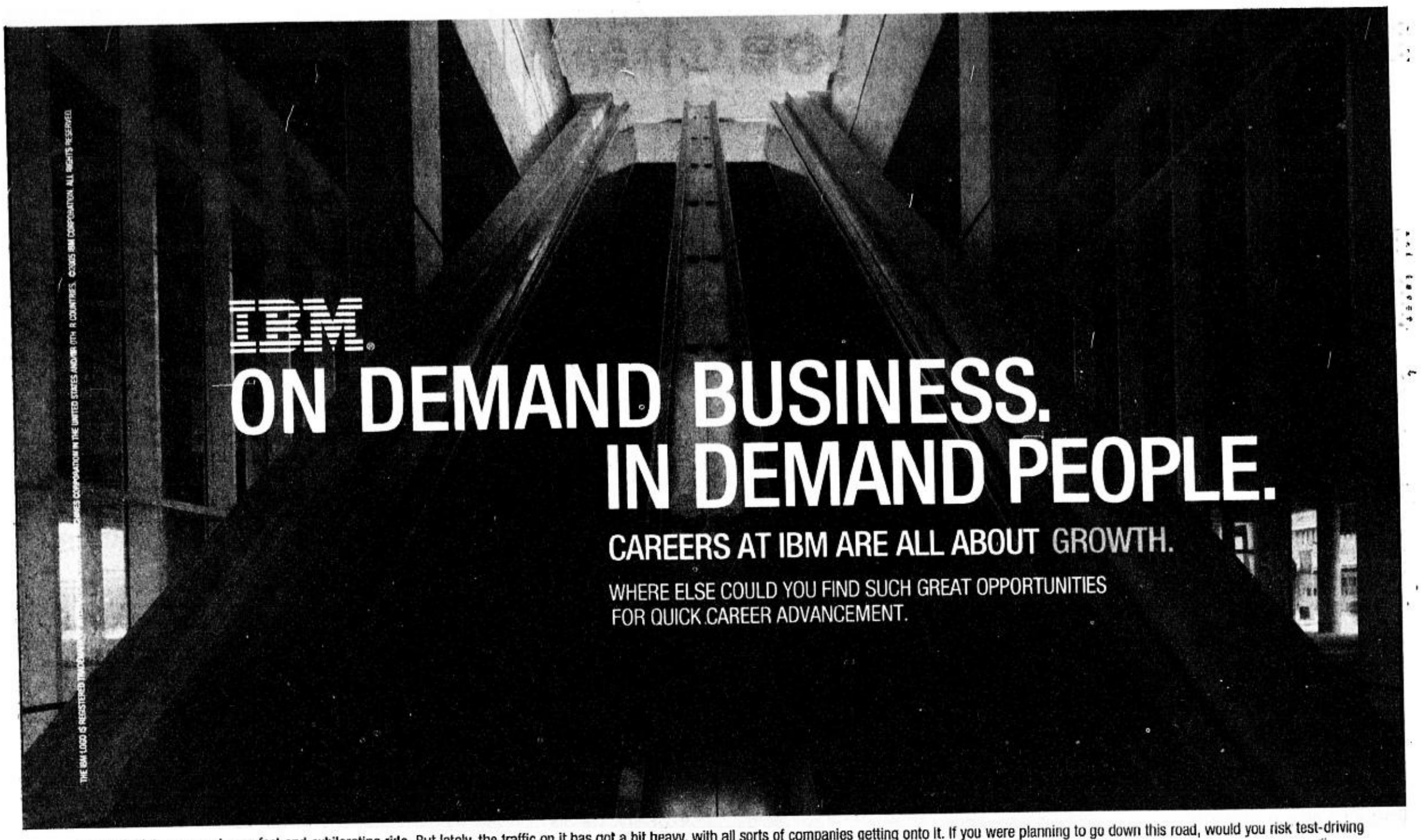
Working for the King

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

IN THE OLDEN DAYS WHEN PEOPLE USED TO BE GOverned by kings, almost everyone worked at the king's bidding. Woe to him who would dare disobey the sovereign will or even due to negligence or laziness fail to do what has been ordained for the good of the kingdom. Working then seemed to be a weight imposed on the shoulders of every subject, a heavy yoke to carry. It would seem to be lighter on those who might have love for the king or those close to the heart of the monarch. The faithful worker would expect of course the reward of good things from his majesty.

Jesus, who is accepted as the King of kings and Lord of lords by believers, introduces a new and more meaningful dimension of working for the king. He points out that working for others—especially those who are the "least" (the needy, the abandoned, and those considered insignificant in society)—is working for Him. Similarly, not working for the others is tantamount to not working for Him. He explains clearly in today's Gospel that acts done to and for others are considered done directly to and for Him.

This spiritual reality of God's presence in each person He has created gives everyone in the workplace a great chance to do something (if not everything) for Jesus—working with the good of others in mind, "seeing" Jesus in the person of the coworkers and superiors even in most trying moments and circumstances, and doing everything with the good of others always in mind. The King who sees everything in the world and in our hearts will reward the faithful worker not only with earthly blessings but also spiritual and heavenly graces. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)



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Leadership

Great bosses are also great leaders. They have powerful visions that their subordinates can identify with. Their vision is so clear that there is no way for subordinates to misunderstand it. When they give instructions, subordinates completely understand what end results are expected from them. Moreover, great bosses help their subordinates to develop themselves to become future leaders as well.

Caring and support

Great bosses are caring and supportive. They are considerate and understand that as humans, their subordinates have certain needs and limitations. They also understand that subordinates have private lives to live and that their work or career is just one of the aspects of their lives. Great bosses provide support so that subordinates can do their work best as they balance their professional and private lives.

Motivation

Great bosses are great motivators. Instead of making all subordinates adjust to his style, a great boss will adjust to his subordinates' style of learning in a way that will not intimidate the subordinates. He knows how to get the best from each type of subordinate he handles. A great boss is aware that it is his duty to motivate his people, and that money is not the only means to make people give their best.

How to tell your boss

During the job interview, the boss usually asks the prospective employee questions about the employee. During this same interview, it is appropriate for the employee to ask questions about the prospective boss, if he is given the chance to ask questions. This is fairly easy.

The more difficult situation is when you are now hired and you get assigned to a different boss or a new boss takes over your unit. How can you choose the boss you want?

Talk to your new boss

If you are due to be transferred to another unit or a new boss takes over your unit, take time to talk to your prospective boss. Find out his leadership style, his vision for the group, his ways of motivating, developing or rewarding his people. Find the time to also tell him the kind of ideal boss that could bring out the best in you. That way, you will have a mutual understanding of what to expect from each other.

You still have a choice

Whenever you feel that you cannot be your best under a particular boss, you still have a choice to just keep silent about it or to tell your boss about your sentiments. Find time to tell your boss—he might understand you.

When you don't see how you can get along well with your boss or your boss stands in the way of your progress, you can choose to "love it or leave it."

Remember that no matter how good you are, bosses can make or unmake your career. It pays to find your ideal boss, in the same way you spend time and effort finding an ideal job. Great bosses can give you a great job, great pay, great promotion, and help you achieve your maximum potential.

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Should I continue to play hero?

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chances of winning the case and the consequences of doing so. If your chances are good, then pursue the case. But if you are Don Quixote fighting an impossible case, you might want to explore other alternatives to get what you want. Check out if it is possible to negotiate with your employer so that you arrive at a win-win situation that does not violate your sense of justice.

You can go through a decision analysis process to know which way to go. Come up with your decision objective, for example, "Decide whether to pursue the case or not." Or is the decision objective in fact "Decide whether to continue to work in Palau or go back home."

Then, make a list of your decision criteria. Of these criteria, decide which of them are musts and wants. This set of decision criteria can serve as a screen for your decision alternatives. The decision that best satisfies your musts and most of your wants may be the best probable decision. This process prevents your judgment from being clouded by strong emotions.

All the best to you. Assuring you of my prayers for an early resolution of your problem.

(Ms. Puangco is CEO of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting, a training and consulting company specializing in strategy management, leading change, human resource systems, leadership and enterprise training. Call in your feedback at 892-2895, 892-2896 or 892-2898.)

Unlock the secrets to innovating...

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There is always room for improvement for everyone and everything. But if you think a person or a process or an object can no longer be improved, that will certainly be the truth since you will stop trying to improve it.

A recruitment assistant who has been screening and hiring applicants for 10 years once said to me, "My job is so boring because I have been doing the same thing over and over again. And I have no chance of getting promoted since my boss plans to stay forever in this company." With this mindset, she had already blocked her chances for promotion. She has not thought of ways in which she could improve the recruitment process, for example, trying to shorten the recruitment process from 30 days to 15 days, or looking at how she can get better applicants who will stay with the company longer through better screening procedures and thus reduce the turnover from 15 percent to 5 percent.

A salesperson who has been selling the product for 10 years had this to say, "We cannot anymore improve the sales of this product. We have been selling this for 15 years and still we have not even come close to our main competitor who has cornered almost 70 percent of the market share. We have already launched many promotions but still the market does not bite." The competitor has certainly sold this salesperson their product! This salesperson has not realized that he could, in fact, suggest product improvements based on what his clients tell him.

3. **"That is really how people see me; I cannot change their perceptions and expectations of me."** *(Ganyan na talaga ang pagtingin nila sa akin. Hindi ko na mapapalitan ang kanilang pag-iisip.)*

Perceptions and expectations are based on the image you present to people and your behavior on a day-to-day basis. What they see is what they think. What you do is what they believe. Therefore, if you want to change how people perceive you and their expectations of you, then you need to change your image and your behavior. Perceptions and expectations are not set in stone. Like everything else, these can change as the basis for these also change.

This statistician's story is a tale of determination. He is presently working in a stable company. He used to work as a contractual clerk in a government agency but with much resourcefulness in seeking help from others, he was able to find a job that suited his college degree, BS Statistics. This seems like a story of an ordinary jobseeker but what is different with this statistician is that he is differently abled. Stricken by polio at an early age, his two legs could not longer support him and he walks with the help of wooden crutches. He was taunted by classmates in elementary for his physical condition. Very few people, except perhaps his parents and family, expected that he would amount to something. But he determinedly pursued his dream of becoming self-reliant and gainfully employed. Today, in his barong shirt and slacks, his face aglow with dignity, he is the image of a young urban professional or "yuppie" out to live a full life. He continues to challenge people's perceptions and expectations—in the near future, he hopes to be able to walk normally with treatment from a hospital abroad and become a lawyer.

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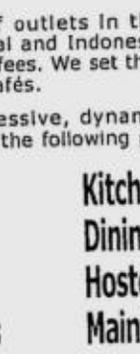

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Are you a person with no initiative?

By Teresa Reyes Tunay
Illustration by Rolando Reyes

ARE YOU familiar with that Simon and Garfunkel song that goes, "I'd rather be a hammer than a nail... I'd rather be a sparrow than a snail... Yes, I would if I only could, I surely would...?"

1 Well, that line about being a nail has a parallel in a Filipino belief that a person who has no initiative is like a nail. And he is referred to as '*pukpukin*' (accent on second syllable) because he always needs a hammer pounding him before he can move. *"Kailangan pang pukpukin para bumaon."*

2 A *pukpukin* may mean well but he probably does not realize that it is not enough to mean well. One must act well, too. A *pukpukin* may not necessarily be a lazy person but he is rather slow and has a poorly developed sense of urgency at work.

BEST ★ Attitudes

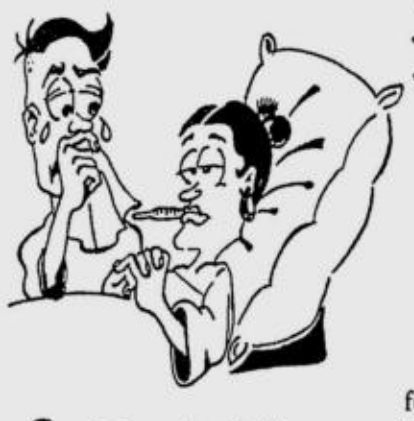
3 If you give a *pukpukin* something to do, you have to give him a deadline. Even then, chances are he will not be ready with the job when the deadline comes.

4 A *pukpukin* always has one reason or another to explain away delays in his work. He may say that he is overloaded...

5 ... the person he needs to see to do his job is unavailable...

6 ... there is a power failure...

7 ... the telephone is always busy...



8 ... his mother is ill...

9 ... or, simply, that he has forgotten all about your assignment.

10 Are you a *pukpukin*? Being a *pukpukin* may simply be a sign of forgetfulness, but it may also be telling you that you have problems at work that need to be faced. If you are merely being forgetful, it would be good to keep a notepad with you so you can list down all the things you need to do or follow up.

11 But if the cause is something worse than poor memory, it might help to discuss matters with your HRD manager or a trusted friend who can help you discover your harmful attitudes that lead to your being a *pukpukin*.

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   j. Others: _____
   k. Combination of: _____ (pls. choose from items a-j)
3. What top three activities in no. 2 facilitated your learning? _____
4. What features of these top three activities were helpful?
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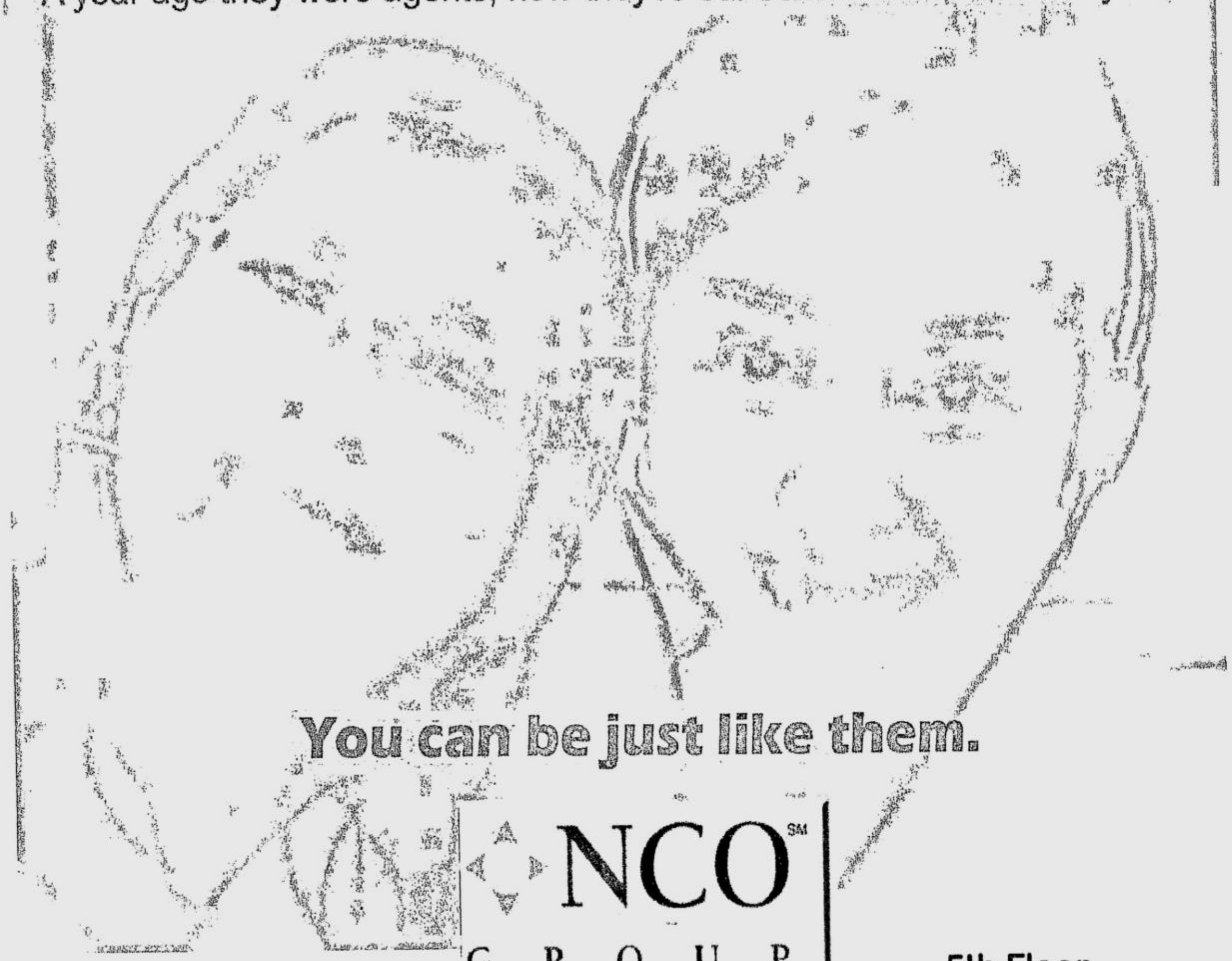

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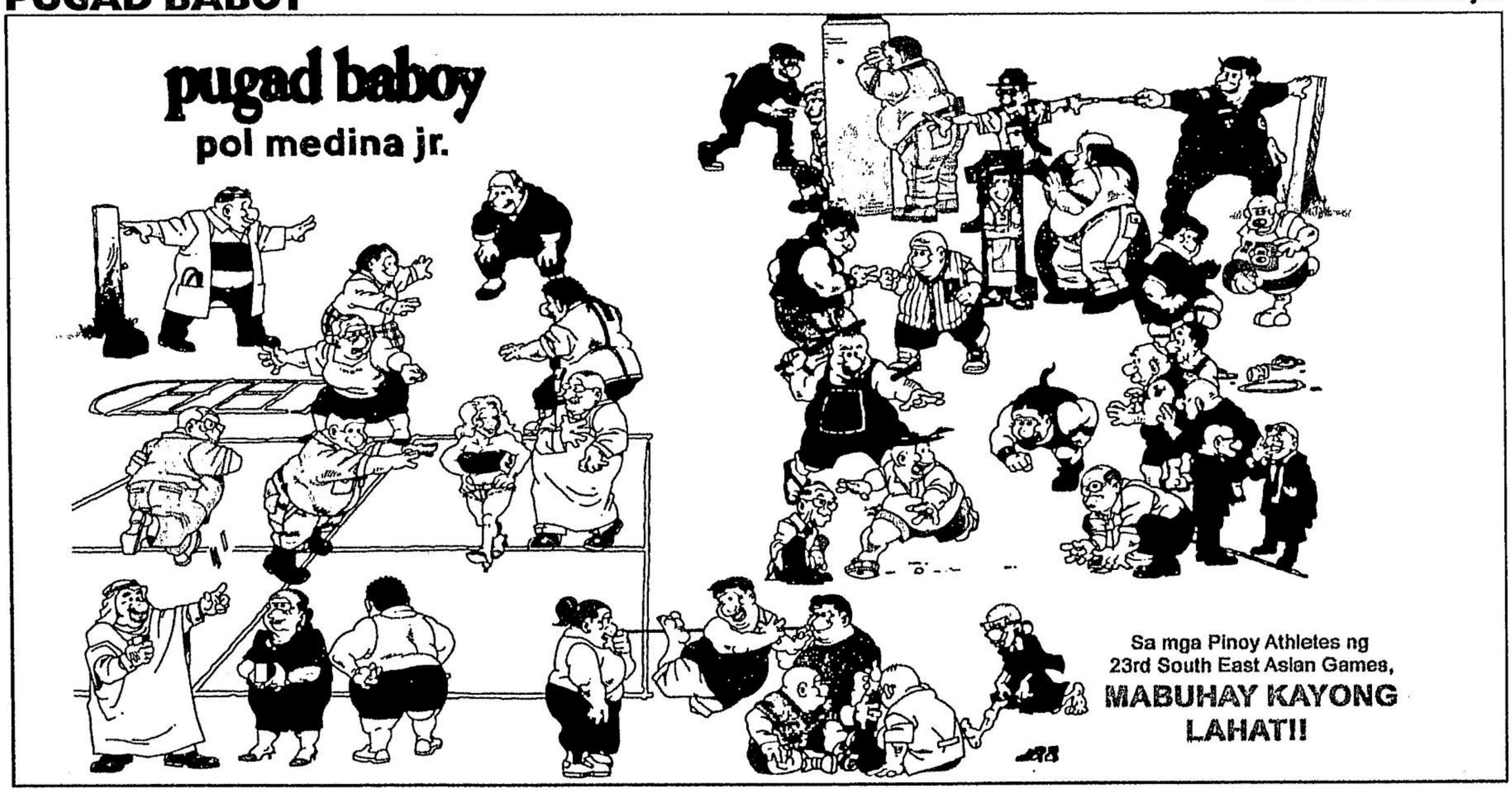

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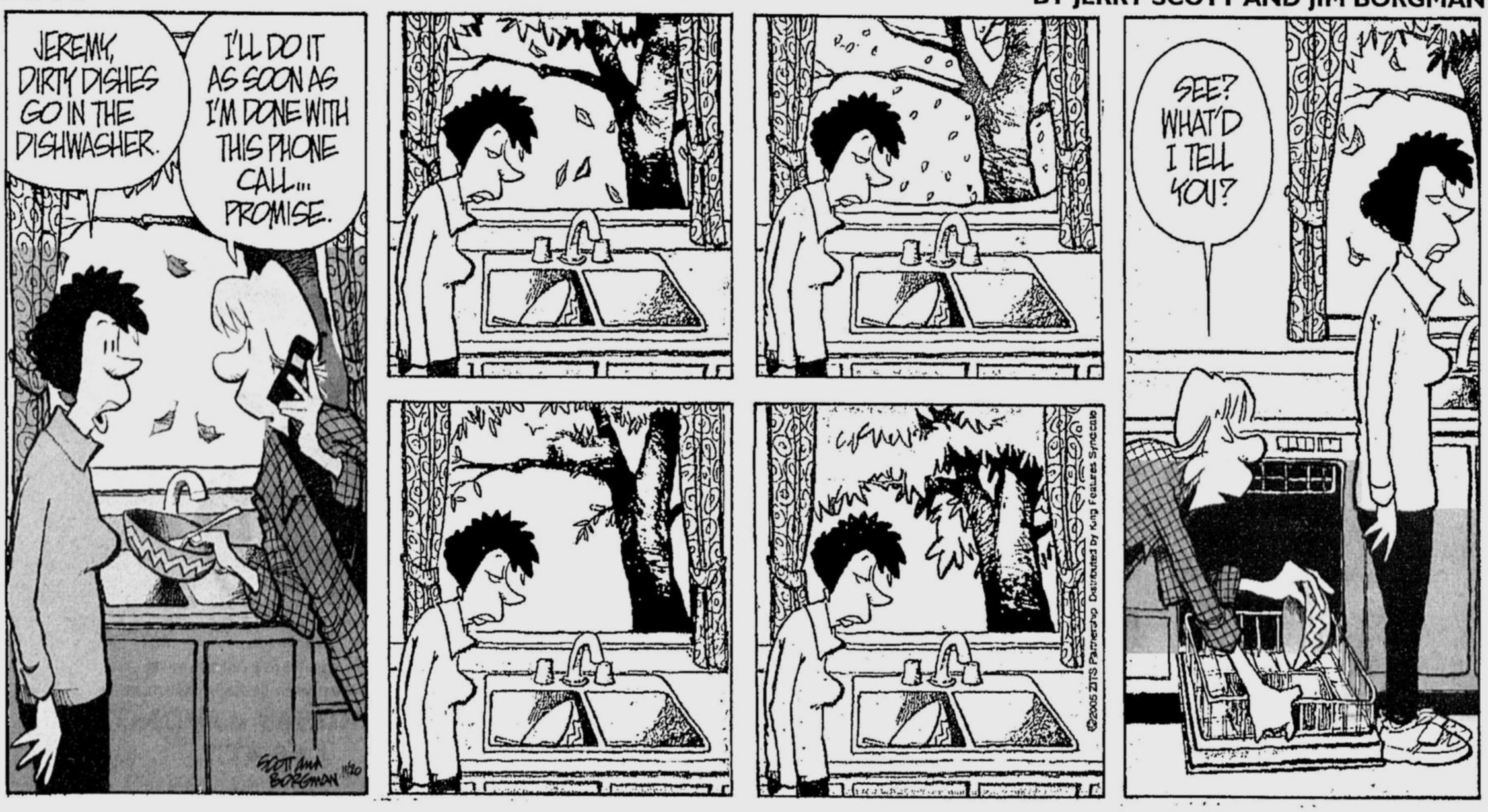

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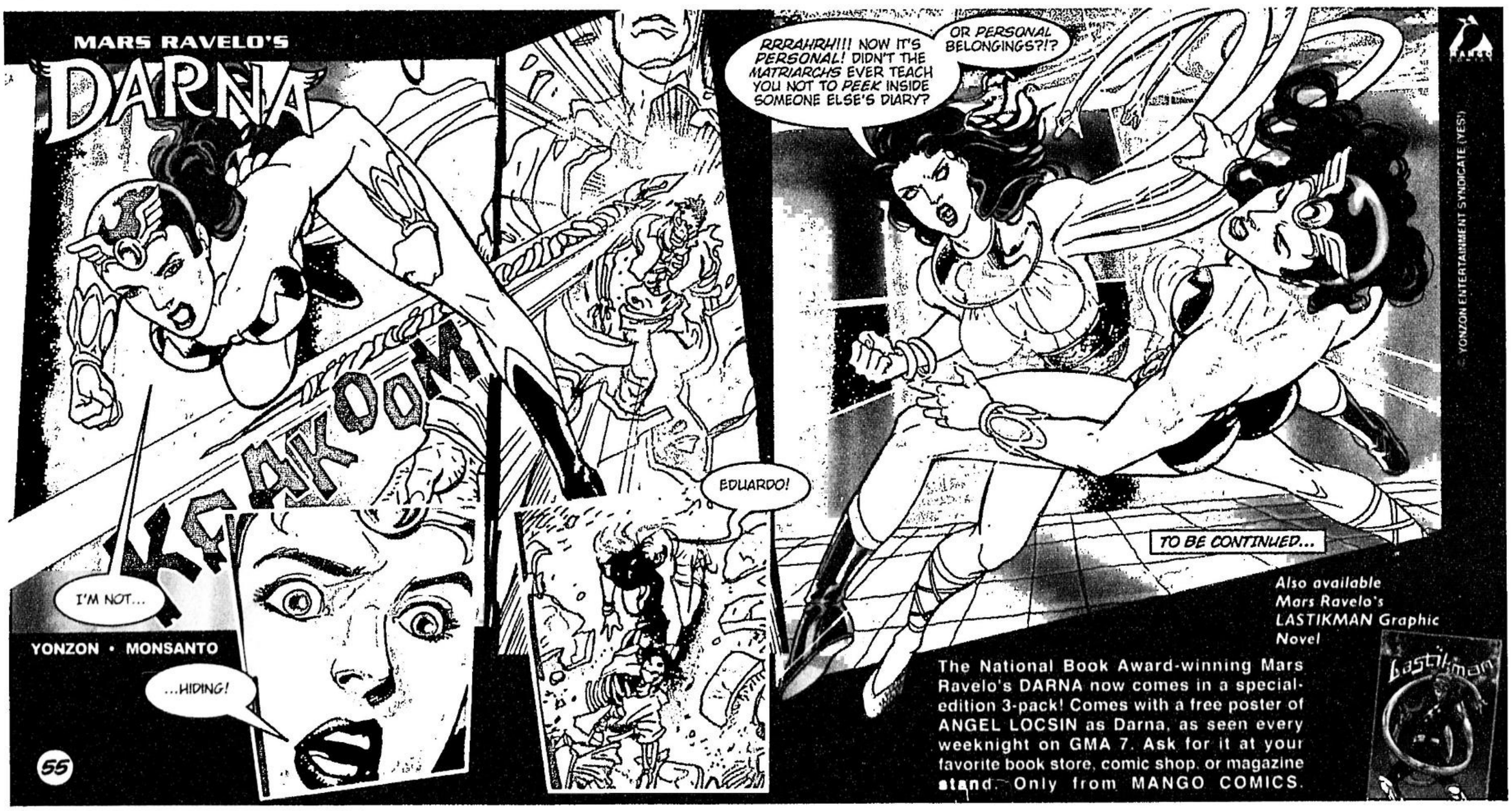

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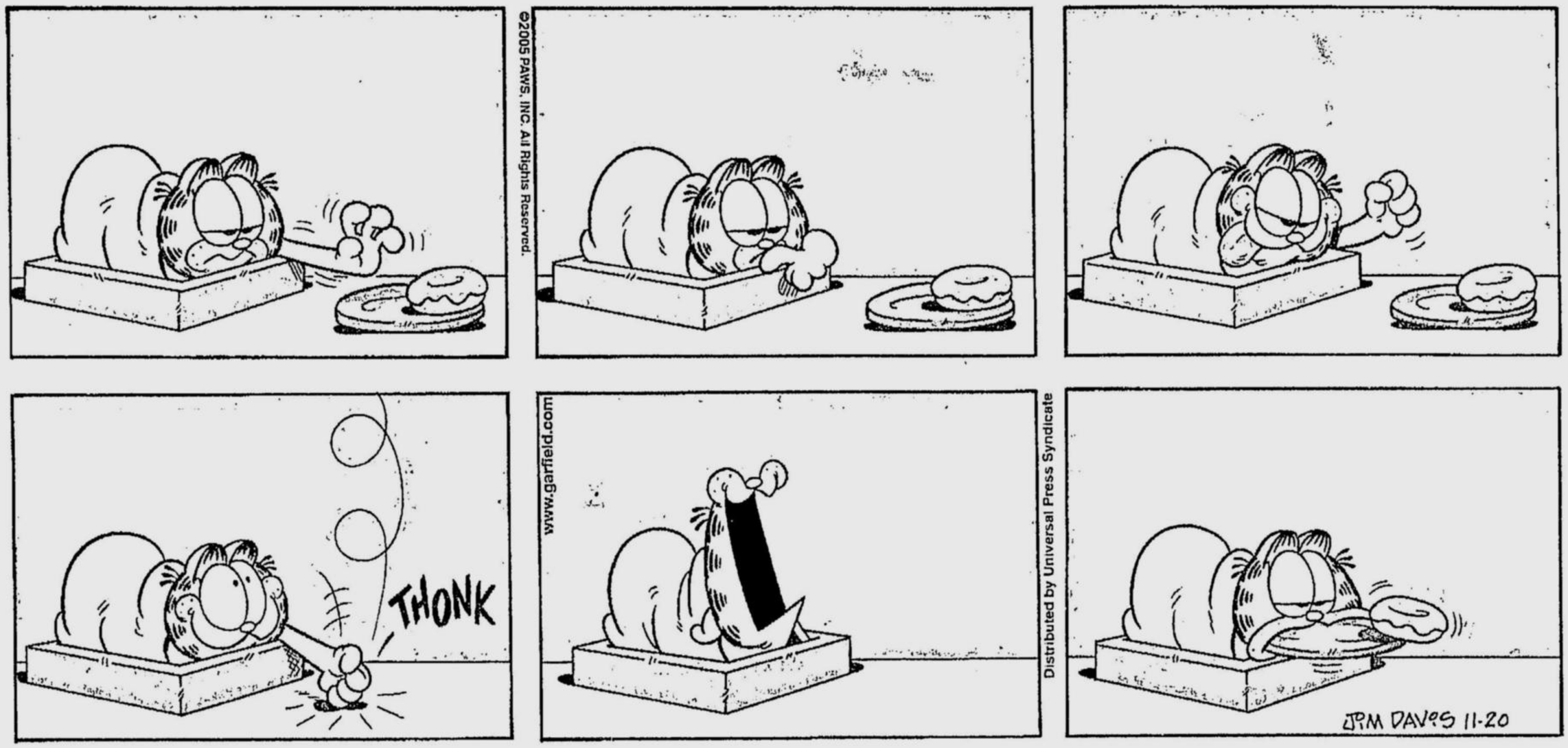

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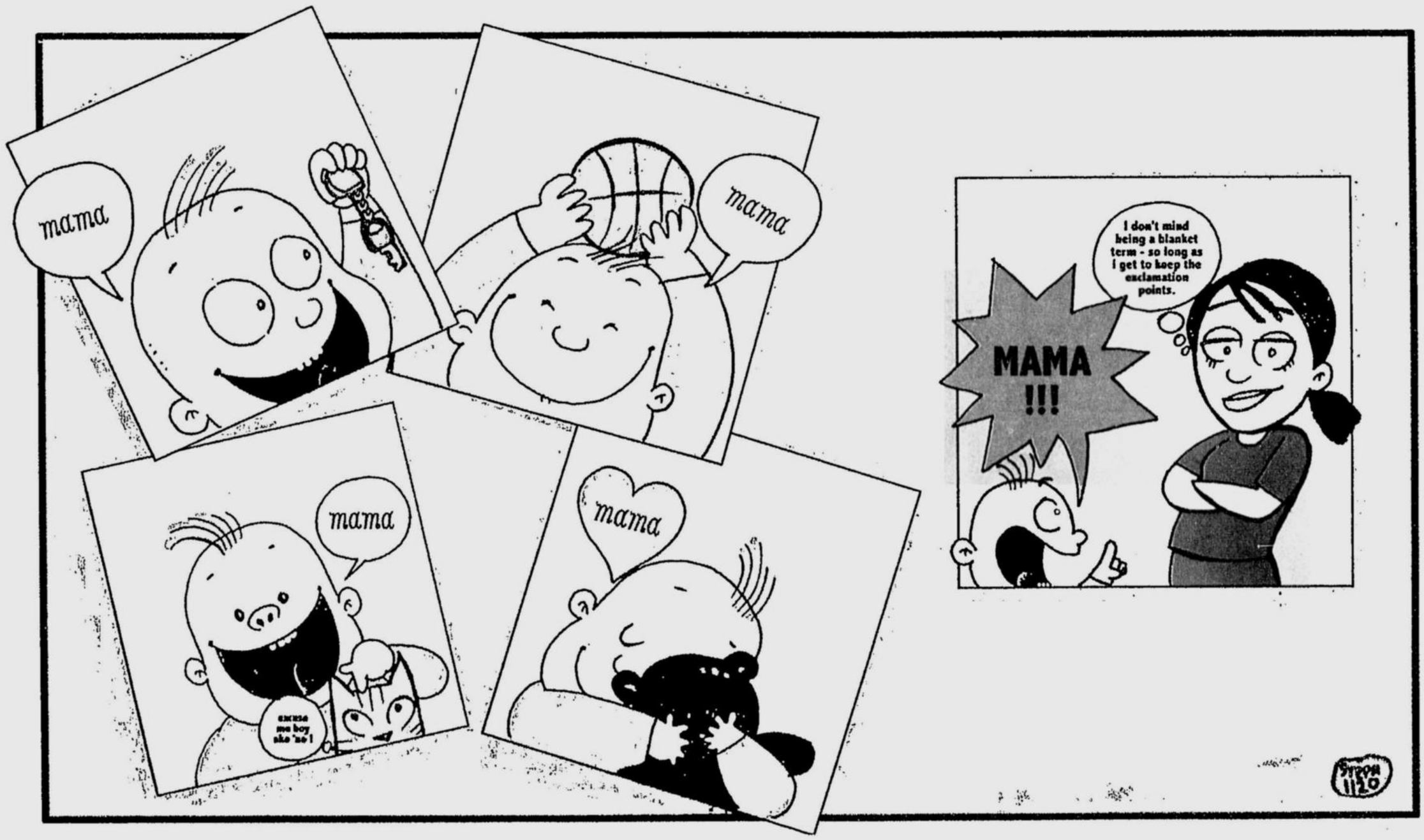

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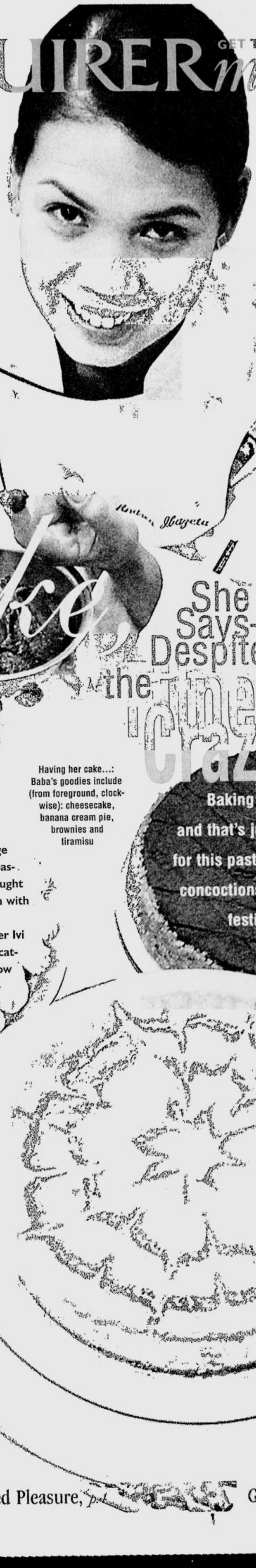
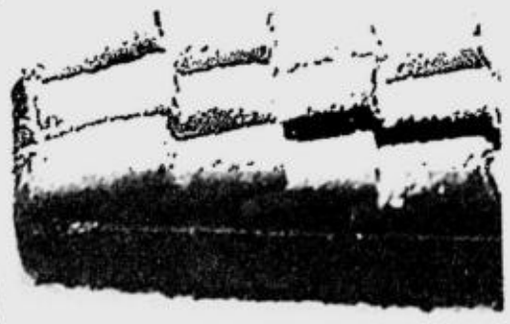


BABA IBAZETA

Let Them Eat Cake

She Says—Despite the Crisis

Baking is in her genes, and that's just icing on the cake for this pastry whiz, whose sinful concoctions are bound to grace festive tables this Christmas



Having her cake...: Baba's goodies include (from foreground, clockwise): cheesecake, banana cream pie, brownies and tiramisu

by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

NOPE, she wasn't named after that rich sponge cake soaked in rum-flavored syrup, although for pastry lovers, Baba Ibazeta's name might as well be wrought in caramel frosting, so spontaneous is its association with stuff sweet and scrumptious.

Back when she was born, she recalls, her elder sister Ivi couldn't quite pronounce "baby," which became truncated into "Baba." And so Andrea became "Baba," now also known as the cake lady behind Classic Confections, a patisserie that offers made-to-order cakes, pastries and confectionery.

Home is where the business found its sweet beginnings, says Baba, whose family traces its roots to the Basque region in Spain. "My grandmother was known for her *sans rival* and *brazo de mercedes*, and my mother would send me to summer cooking classes all the time." She loved it, she adds. "We lived in the United States until I was 7, and that meant going without household help. Suddenly, when we came back here, we had all these helpers doing everything for us. They were so good at it I thought they must have gone to maid school. And I thought the cooking schools were it," she recounts sheepishly.

Baba's baking genes went into overdrive when she met Kat Malvar Rodrigo, a classmate in her Interdisciplinary Studies course at the Ateneo, who became her business partner. "She lived near school, and I used to go to her place to bake. It became our hobby," she recalls. She had originally wanted to go into fashion or any other business, Baba adds, because she didn't want to work an 8-to-5 job.

"Now she works 8 to 8," interjects the US-based Kat, who still helps run Classic Confections out of a spacious kitchen in Pasig.

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Linked To Spread The News

How three people were connected by God through history for a special mission

THIS is a story of amazing grace, of three persons whose lifetimes overlap one another, spanning a period of over a century, working for the same goal under the direction of the same master. The first was a cloistered nun who became a saint, the second a pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, and the third a simple housewife and mother.

In the 1930s, in the city of Warsaw in Poland, Jesus appeared to a cloistered nun of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy by the name of Sis. Faustinia Kowalska, and in a series of messages covering many years, asked her to promote the devotion to His Divine Mercy. In 1938, Jesus told Sr. Faustinia: "I have a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming."

In May 1938, a Polish young man of 18 by the name of Karol Wojtyla, together with his father, moved from his hometown Wadowize in Poland to the city of Cracow to enroll in university studies in the Polish language and literature. At that early age, he did not realize that he would one day be the "spark" that Jesus had chosen to prepare the world for His coming.

Sis. Faustinia died in October 1938. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustinia during the Jubilee Year 2000 so that people would know that this preparation for the Second Advent was actually begun by her and continued by him.

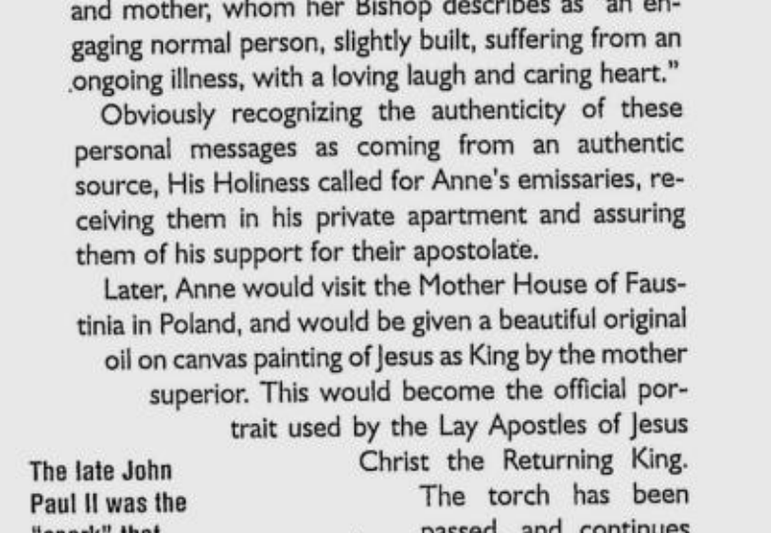
In 2004, the year before he left us, Pope John Paul received 12 personal messages from Jesus, dictated to Anne, the third person in our story, an Irish housewife and mother, whom her Bishop describes as "an engaging normal person, slightly built, suffering from an ongoing illness, with a loving laugh and caring heart."

Obviously recognizing the authenticity of these personal messages as coming from an authentic source, His Holiness called for Anne's emissaries, receiving them in his private apartment and assuring them of his support for their apostolate.

Later, Anne would visit the Mother House of Faustinia in Poland, and would be given a beautiful original oil on canvas painting of Jesus as King by the mother superior. This would become the official portrait used by the Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

The torch has been passed, and continues to burn in the lives of all who believe.

Howard Q. Dee



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The late John Paul II was the "spark" that helped prepare the world for Jesus' second coming

Tale of Two Cities

When Boy George and Girl Gloria become history, the people will still be standing, perhaps painfully but standing nevertheless, having the last laugh

NEW YORK—With the year drawing to a close and their respective credibilities at record lows, it isn't surprising that both Malacañang and the White House feel embattled. Afflicted with a siege mentality that views the vox populi with suspicion, if not outright hostility, George and Gloria rule, but their realms are proving to be stubborn and intractable, with large segments in both countries no longer just skeptical but opposed to their policies. In effect, G and G are seen as having broken—irreparably, in my view—the covenant of trust and good faith that supposedly exists between the governing and the governed.

Barring unforeseen circumstances and excluding extrajudicial options such as a coup, what practical options do the electorates in the two countries have in dealing with leaders who are untrustworthy? For now impeachment seems unattainable. In Boy George's case (and I apologize to the original Boy George for any embarrassment this whimsical christening may cause him), with the US House of Representatives resembling a kennel of obeisant, tail-wagging Republicans (though a few, scenting blood, are starting to bare their fangs), the motion to begin the impeachment process will certainly fail. This, in spite of the massive deception known as the war on Iraq that Boy George and his cabal of torture-loving neocons foisted on Americans, Iraqis, and the rest of the globe. In contrast, the impeachment proceedings against Bill Clinton dragged on interminably, and for what? Sex with an intern. If the Puritans in Congress had had their way, Clinton would have been cast from the White House, a modern-day Hester Prynne. Moral of the story: It's much more politic to betray a whole country, cause thousands to die, inflame the jihadists, wreck the economy, and reward Big Business with no-bid contracts, than to betray your own marriage.

In Girl Gloria's case, the motion to impeach was easily shot down by her partisans. Nonetheless, compared to the wimpy Democrats, Filipino lawmakers who threw down the gauntlet showed more steel. Unlike in l'affaire Estrada, however, there has been no comparable Edsa uprising even in light of Girl Gloria's formidable transgressions, from electoral manipulations to continuing militarization, to the undermining of civil liberties—as is evident, the kinship between Girl Gloria and Boy George runs pretty deep, though it is one, really, of slave and master. Edsa hasn't been revisited precisely because the public has been down that road (figuratively and literally) before, a via dolorosa paved with crushing disappointments and lined with the daily crucifixions of our aspirations for a better life. Perhaps more crucially, no charismatic figure has emerged from the opposition, whether from within the mainstream or from without—and this is true as well in the US—who has given imaginative voice to the public's alienation and at the same time articulated a platform that eschews the old, failed modes of governance.

Spurred on by an enduring disgust with traditional politics—and make no mistake: Boy George, Girl Gloria, and their playmates are *trapos* par excellence—people in both countries actively seek alternative, grassroots-oriented politics. Not only Filipinos and Americans: It seems to me that, globally, various populations, similarly disillusioned, seek, albeit in fits and starts, real, significant, positive change. What forms these changes will take, I don't know, but I imagine as their basis a holistic amalgam of ecology, economy, and equality.

In the meantime, we in Manila and New York who oppose the policies of Malacañang and the White House, are counting down to the end of their respective terms, exactly in the manner of conscripts on an unwelcome tour of combat duty: 37 months to go before Boy George exits, and considerably longer before Girl Gloria does. We hunker down, like our benighted leaders; unlike them, we have a vast community to rely on to keep our spirits up in these dispiriting times, a community that includes the global one afforded by the Internet. I especially take heart from the eloquent dissections, proffered on the Web, of our deep dissatisfaction accompanied by imaginative if hypothetical solutions from friends and strangers alike, who share, as I do—maybe against our prudent judgment—the bedrock assumption that a better world is possible, that the much touted New World Order is attainable, though not one envisioned by "free" trade or the corporate mandarins shaping globalization.

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One infinite resource we have is the fierce and savage humor that is characteristic of popular resistance—in this regard, Manileños have a lot to teach New Yorkers (no slouches themselves) when it comes to lampooning abusers of power, whether colonizers from abroad or homegrown dictators and usurpers of people power. One need only be an alert observer of the political scene, to consistently find material so funny and absurd and so disgustingly, touchingly, violently, over-the-top real as to make reality TV pale into insignificance. The dullards in both the White House and the Brown Hacienda unwittingly make us laugh—it might be their sole virtue. When Boy George and Girl Gloria become history, the people will still be standing, perhaps painfully but standing nevertheless, having the last laugh.

Speaking of last laughs, this will likely be my last column for the INQUIRER magazine. Apparently a redesign is in the offing, one that views columnists as an unnecessary luxury. Do columns such as mine help to attract advertisers? Probably not; yet it isn't a realization that saddens me, for I do not believe a newspaper should only be about the bottom line; otherwise it undermines itself as a quirky, independent voice in the marketplace of discourse.

It has been an enjoyable run, these past six years, even if the column appeared irregularly. I filed when I felt strongly about an issue or a person or a place and had something coherent to say, even if it might have seemed coherent only to me. I tip my hat off to Karla Delgado, who made it possible for me to write for the INQUIRER. I am especially appreciative and grateful to my editor Alya Honasan, who always allowed me whatever space I needed for my views, never once attempted to color them, and unfailingly acted as the consummate professional. In the meantime, like a pesky weed, I hope to surface somewhere else.

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Via e-mail

Biyernes ng Hapon, Oktubre 1, 2005, Sa Willimantic, Connecticut, USA

Sa hapong tag-lagas may sugat na umaantak
Sa lamat ng mga kalsadang aspalto sa lungsod na dating pastulan ng mga
katutubong Indyang Pequot.

Anong kabulaanan ang itinatago ng mga kurtina sa durungawan?
Hindi alam ng mga kalapati kung ano'ng kulay ng pag-asa.

Naupos na sigarilyo'y ibinurol ko sa tabi ng Tulay ng mga Palaka
Habang patungo ang prusisyon ng trapik sa Foxboro Casino
na pag-aari ng Indyang Pequot.

Kung bakit sumingit sa isip ang Abu Sayyaf?
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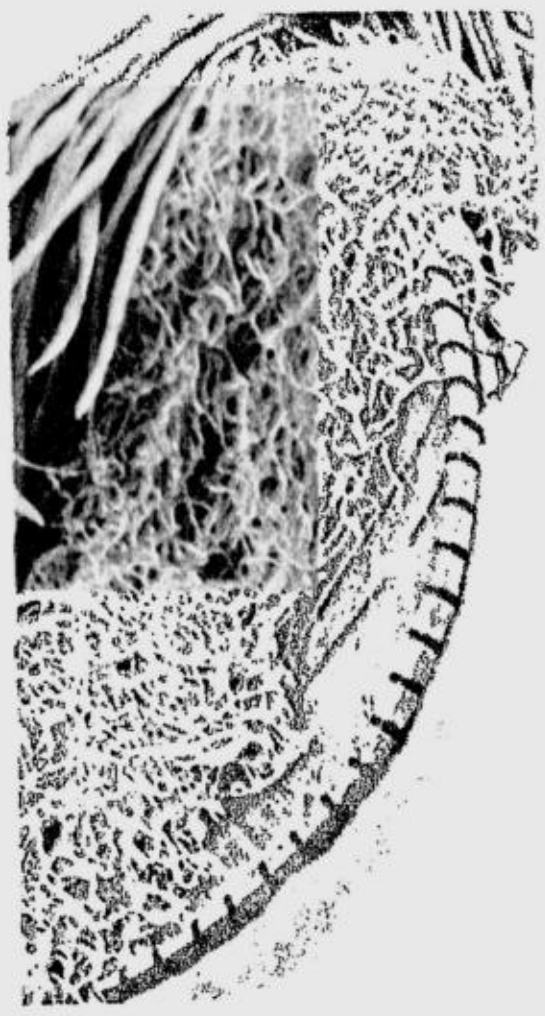


by Ruel S. De Vera

Appetite for Love in the Time of Pancit Lucban

Zaldy Veluz tried his hand at dancing on TV, pushing appliances and selling food before meeting his wife Nova. Together, they introduced a hometown favorite to the Manila mainstream palate, with resounding success

RAFFY LERMA

SO MUCH as pancit represents long life in Filipino tradition, the long noodles could easily represent the pleasant surprises that come with everyday Pinoy life. So when a restaurant thrives for two decades selling pancit, one expects that the story is full of twists and turns. And indeed, Salvador Veluz, 48 and Nova Veluz, 36, retell the fascinating story behind the success of Buddy's Pancit Lucban at Longganisang Lucban with equal parts breathless gratitude and wide-eyed amazement.

Salvador, better known as Zaldy, is the Buddy's in the name. He was born and grew up in Lucban, Quezon, where Pancit Lucban, also known as Pancit Habhab, is a tradition available in rolling stores and booths all over Lucban. "It's cooked in a *kaldero* and served on a banana leaf. It's typical Lucban merienda," Zaldy says.

This youngest of eight children has always loved cooking. He also possessed a potent entrepreneurial bent, baking cakes in sixth grade. After graduating from high school, Zaldy journeyed to Manila, where he took up Biological Sciences at the University of the East. In college, he and several province mates from Lucban were hired as members of the Blackgold Dancers, representing the now-defunct Blackgold Records label, dancing on TV and live shows.

"I remember in particular dancing to a song called 'A Fifth of Beethoven' by Michael Murphy because it had robot moves," Zaldy recalls, which makes the combination of disco Beethoven and pseudo-cybernetic moves doubly retro.

Zaldy also hawked Euroclean appliances for three months ("I'm gonna knock on your door," he sings), before returning to Lucban to become a farmer. Zaldy planted Baguio beans, radish and *kamote*.

Misfortune into luck

The Baguio beans experience gave Zaldy a taste of "misfortune that became my good luck." One year, the beans turned black because of a blight. They were still edible but now looked unpalatable. As Zaldy tried to give the beans away, someone suggested that he just cut off the dark parts and make fresh *lumpia* (spring rolls) from the beans. The rolls sold extremely well.

When people asked what else he sold, Zaldy moved on to selling spaghetti. Then, hamburgers. That was when he thought up the name Buddy Burger in 1985. His brother had a store selling LPG and Zaldy put up a simple dining area in front of the LPG stall. "Whenever there was an LPG delivery, we simply asked the diners nicely to stand up so we could move the tables out of the way," he remembers. "Then after the delivery, we moved the tables back and they would go on eating."

It was while running the first Buddy Burger that he met Nova, who was then studying nursing at Lucban's Southern Luzon Polytechnic College. "I was eating there and had to use the restroom, which was actually in his residence on the second floor of the restaurant," Nova explains. She later became his wife.

The year after, Zaldy began selling pizza, then a new thing. When he opened up Buddy Pizza in Lucena City, where Nova hails from, Pancit Lucban was added to the menu. "I thought of introducing Pancit Lucban there because it would be different," he says. The Veluzes slowly gained a name for their food, although "running a restaurant is no joke," Nova says.

Pancit identity

It was in 1998 that Zaldy brought their pancit empire to Metro Manila, in Kakarong, Makati. Capitalizing on their identity, they dubbed it Buddy's Pancit Lucban and Logganisang Lucban, giving their restaurant a name as long as an uncut noodle. Though their restaurant was in a relatively-secluded place, diners found them, and soon Buddy's branches sprouted in Kalayaan Ave., in Market! Market!, and on tony Pearl Drive near Ortigas.

The sparkling new branch on Pearl Drive says many things about the story of Buddy's. The authentic *kiping* (rice wafer) decorating the restaurant is brought all the way from Quezon. Their personnel are from Quezon, as well. Zaldy, who counts furniture design among his hobbies, designed the wooden fixtures and did the interiors himself. Soft rock music filters through the air.

With four branches in the province, Buddy's Quezon connection remains central to the couple's plan. "We source all our ingredients from Quezon," says Nova, who handles operations. It's part of what sets them apart, says Zaldy, who oversees the products. The noodles are handmade there and the *lechon* comes from pigs from their own piggery. "Our employees, also from Quezon, are top-notch," adds Nova. To maintain their talented workforce, the Veluzes even provide housing in Metro Manila for their transplanted workers.

The Veluzes divide their time between Quezon and the Metro, making the commute regularly though they still consider Quezon as their true base of operations. That's where they and their children (Miguel Salvador, 14, Vincent Julian, 13, Claudia Ysabel and six-month-old Natalie Sophia) reside. "We want our children to grow up with old-fashioned values," Nova says. The family spend their free time watching movies; they also have a special fondness for travel, making it a point to go on trips abroad every year.

Zaldy can still whip up magic in the kitchen. Nova doesn't cook—"She's the official taster," Zaldy says. And while he may no longer dance professionally, the man of the house still enjoys cutting up the dance floor at parties.

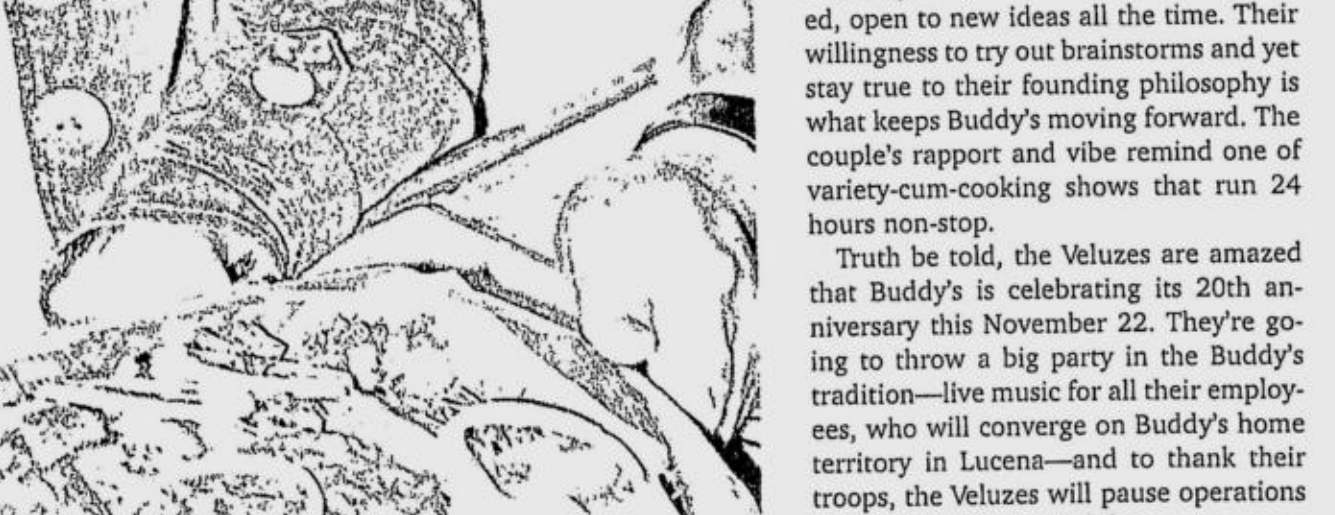
Non-stop ideas

Zaldy and Nova, who have been married 14 years, remain chatty and animated, open to new ideas all the time. Their willingness to try out brainstorms and yet stay true to their founding philosophy is what keeps Buddy's moving forward. The couple's rapport and vibe remind one of variety-cum-cooking shows that run 24 hours non-stop.

Truth be told, the Veluzes are amazed that Buddy's is celebrating its 20th anniversary this November 22. They're going to throw a big party in the Buddy's tradition—live music for all their employees, who will converge on Buddy's home territory in Lucena—and to thank their troops, the Veluzes will pause operations just for that one special day.

"Luck has been a very big part of our success, considering that our advertising was purely word of mouth," Nova says, adding that they concentrate on developing one branch at a time. They have plans for what comes next, of course: a branch in Quezon City, for example. Yet they only want to add two more outposts to their current eight branches (four in Quezon province, four in Manila). "We want to have 10 branches," Nova says. "And then, we'll just keep improving the branches we have."

The Veluzes never lose their appetite for what they love. "We eat pancit once a week at least," the man who puts the Buddy in Buddy's says resolutely. "I enjoy doing what I love, over and over again."



by Eric S. Caruncho
photographs by August dela Cruz

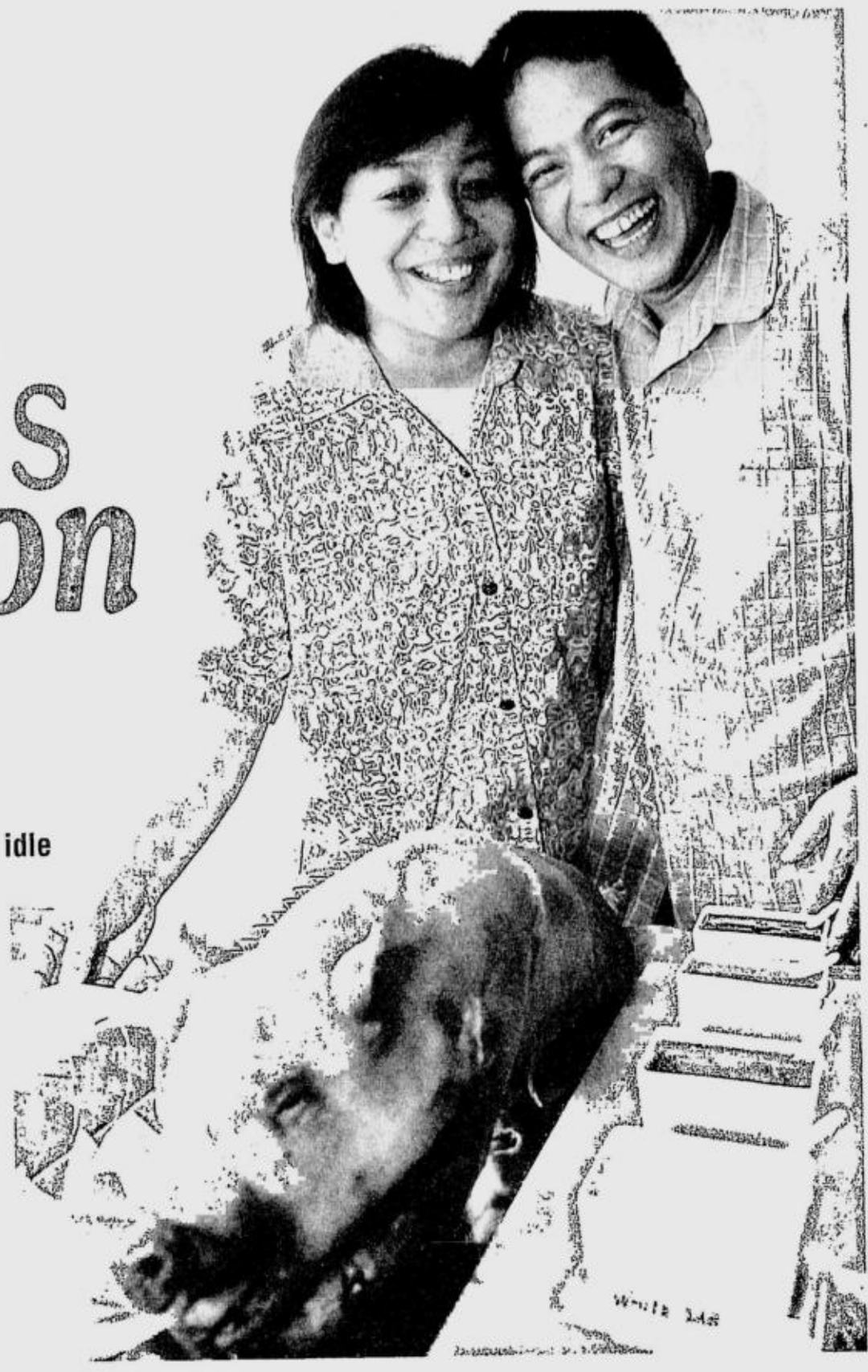
It's A *Wrap* for Charlie's *Pritchon*

College sweethearts Charlie and Dina Esguerra have perfected this guilty pleasure of deep-fried suckling pig wrapped in pita. And it all started with idle thoughts during rush hour traffic, and Dina's dream about her dead mother

THERE is no flavour comparable, I will contend, to that of the crisp, tawny, well-watched, not over-roasted, crackling, as it is well called—the very teeth are invited to their share of the pleasure at this banquet in overcoming the coy, brittle resistance—with the adhesive oleaginous—O call it not fat—but an indefinable sweetness growing up to it—the tender blossoming of fat—fat cropped in the bud—taken in the shoot—in the first innocence—the cream and quintessence of the child-pig's yet pure food—the lean, no lean, but a kind of animal manna—or, rather, fat and lean (if it must be so) so blended and running into each other, that both together make but one ambrosian result, or common substance."

—Charles Lamb, "A Dissertation Upon Roast Pig"

"THREE words: roast-suckling-pig. Is your mouth watering yet? Once more, *en español: lechon de leche*. Is that your stomach rumbling?



Nothing gladdens the Filipino heart more than the sight of *lechon*. The roast pig is the centerpiece of the fiesta which—as historians would have us believe—is the heart of Pinoy culture.

But for true gourmands, nothing beats roast suckling pig. No more than two months old and fed exclusively on mother sow's milk, the crisp, wafer-thin skin yields readily to the bite, revealing a thin layer of sweet baby fat, and then the succulent, tender flesh that almost melts in your mouth... oh, bliss!

Cochinillo, spread-eagled and baked crisp in a brick oven, is still one of the most popular items on the menu of Madrid's El Botin, hailed by Guinness as the world's oldest restaurant. The good folks at La Loma have done the Spaniards one better by introducing the ultra-decadent *paella*-stuffed *lechon de leche*. Now, there's even boneless *lechon de leche*. But for the last five years or so, food trippers around town have been all agog over Charlie's Pritchon™, "the original *pritong biik*."

Now, calorie counters and the cholesterol-conscious might keel over at the mere thought of "deep-fried pork," but Pritchon is, rest assured, not as artery-clogging as it may sound, as most of the fat is drained away before being served, Peking duck style.

Prized pritchon

Starting with the highly-prized skin, the pritchon is chopped into bite-size pieces and served wrapped in thin pancakes—actually, wedges of tomato-, spinach- and herb-flavored pita—with slivers of cucumber and spring onions and the sauce of one's choice. Diners can choose between the traditional liver sauce, hoisin, garlic, honey mustard, chili Tagalog, sate and honey lemon.

Charlie and Dina Esguerra, the husband and wife team who came up with the idea, now have it down to a science. They now deliver an average of five orders a day, though they've served as many as 20 for one single mind-boggling feast, and have served customers from as far away as Lucena and San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

Sweethearts since high school, Charlie and Dina got married soon after graduating from college; he's a BS Psychology major from UST, she's a BS Accounting major from UP. Charlie had gone through a series of jobs, while Dina, a CPA, had taken over her mother's pre-need company. Eventually, they decided to start a garment export business, which they eventually shut down because of the Asian financial crisis and assorted labor problems.

One day, while both car and mind were idling in the usual Edsa rush hour traffic, Charlie came up with a brainstorm: What if you deep-fried a whole suckling pig?

It's not as if they were thinking of going into the food business, he says, but both Charlie and Dina were keen foodies, who ate out often and were the first to try new dishes and restaurants.

Tickling idea

"I didn't know anything about cooking, except for the usual *lutong bahay*," says Charlie. But he did know something about pigs, since his mother had a farm in Pulilan, Bulacan, where they raised pigs. He was so tickled with the idea of "deep-fried suckling pig," however, that he tried it out, filling the largest cooking vessel in the house with oil, and immersing the suckling pig by hand.

When the family demolished the result in less than five minutes, "*sagad* to the bone,"

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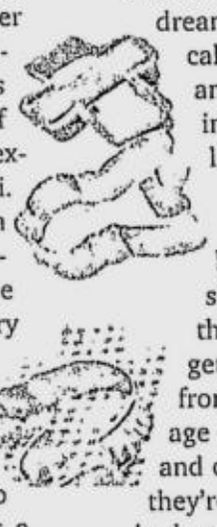
For all occasions

Baba, 32, attended the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco and quickly put her skills to work, joining her first—and only—Christmas bazaar in 1999. The orders started pouring in after that, with word of mouth making a regular outlet unnecessary except for the Legaspi Sunday market in Makati. The partners have also begun catering a dessert buffet for all occasions. Their best-sellers remain the banana cream pie, the cheesecake, and the almond roca, "buttery clusters of almond and chocolates" that were once used by an ice cream company for a new limited edition flavor.



Their cakes, says Baba, are like comfort food, popular cakes that people are used to and look for. "We just reworked them for a more elegant look. I want the icing to look different and sophisticated, but not too pretty that you don't want to touch and eat it." They've also gone easy on the sugar, she adds. "We don't make the cakes too sweet so people can enjoy more of them without being overwhelmed."

In fact, one of their creations, Nono's Chocolate Oblivion, was chosen one of the top 10 desserts by ABS-CBN Publishing's Food Magazine this year. Baba describes the concoction as "the quintessential chocolate cake": layers of moist chocolate cake filled with whipped chocolate ganache, textured with walnut praline and dusted with cocoa powder. It was named after her dad, Jose (Nono), a former president of the Andres Soriano Corporation, who taste-tested the dessert before it was marketed.

This middle child of three siblings admits that her taste in food runs to grills, barbecue and french fries, but when it comes to baking, she lets loose. Her dream dessert, she says, is a sponge cake slathered with hazelnut filling and encased in dark chocolate icing, "made from the best chocolates and nuts available."

Biggest season

Quality has always been their byword, says Baba. Fortunately, she adds, their market is the type that wouldn't mind paying more to get it. Classic Confections' cakes cost from P395 to a thousand, or an average of P700 each. But for weddings and other special occasions, Baba says they're still willing to work around one's budget. "We don't want to turn people down."

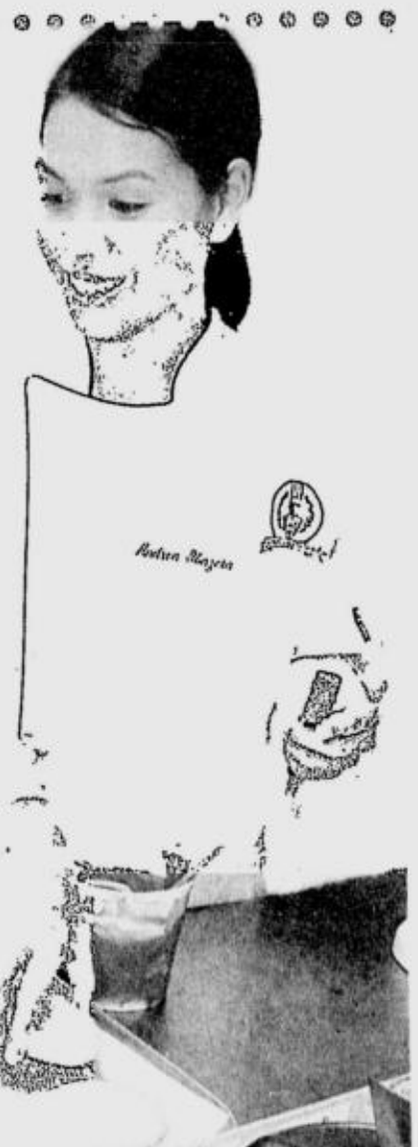
Christmas remains their biggest season, the two women reveal. June, understandably, is a lean month "because tuition eats into the food and celebration budget," says Baba. Although the holidays mean more orders, it also means working from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight, churning out their famous confections: chocolate cakes, liquor cakes and cheesecakes, cupcakes, calamansi bars, lemon squares, mango torte, espresso mousse, cheesecake bars, Russian tea cookies, toffee walnut bars, and so on. "We want to make sure that we can offer small affordable items that people can give away as gifts," she adds.

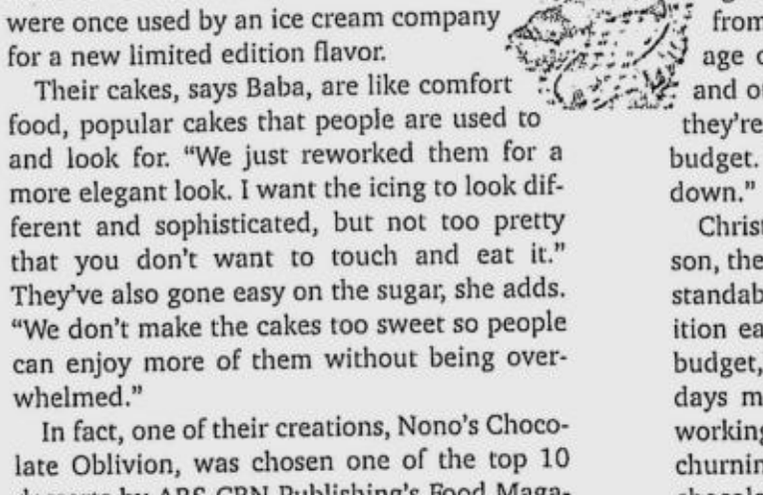
Thanks to the Filipinos' sweet tooth, business is good despite the lean times and their lack of business training, says Baba. "There's a huge market out there because Filipinos just love to eat. It's amazing how much we love desserts."

And, notwithstanding the fitness craze, their sinful concoctions remain sugar-laden, she confesses. "I've tried sugar substitutes but found that they have an aftertaste. We figured if people really want sugar-free cakes, they know where to get it. Besides, we've always believed in moderation. You don't have to eat the whole cake."

Yes, but for people who know how irresistible their goodies are, that advice isn't exactly a piece of cake. ◻

...And frosting it, too: Kat Rodrigo (left) and Baba spread the goodness





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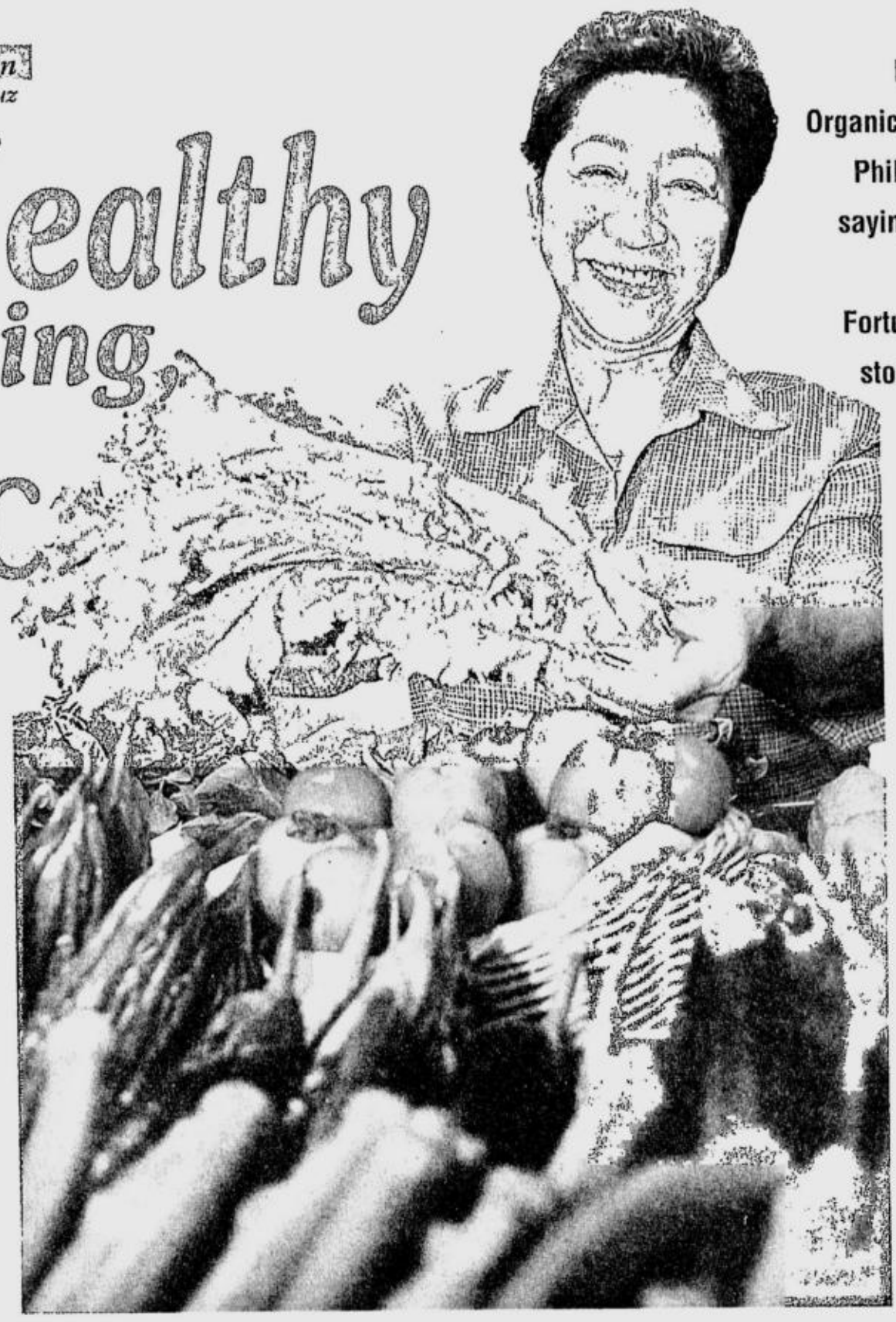
Eating Healthy Is About Caring, Says This Organic Mama



For Rosalina Tan, president of Organic Producers Trade Association, Philippines, going organic means saying no to unfair trade practices, chemicals and pesticides. Fortunately, her group runs a well-stocked store full of stuff to make you feel better, inside out

THERE are bottles of virgin coconut oil, the Philippines' very own health wonder. There are delicious organic cookies packed with yoghurt, nuts and other good stuff, plastic containers full of quick-cooking vegetable-based pasta, bottles of apple cider vinegar, boxes of herbal tea, bags of natural muscovado sugar, and sacks of brown rice. And then, there's that cartful of fresh vegetables that seem to glow with freshness.

The stuff on display at the OPTA Cooperative Organic Naturally, a one-stop organic food store in Quezon City, looks so terribly delicious, it's almost just an added bonus that they were grown without chemicals and pesticides.

Oh, but what a bonus. Rosalina S. Tan, president of OPTA—that's the Organic Producers Trade Association, Philippines—recounts how she herself was practically spooked into going organic. "I had been eating organic rice at the urging of a friend who grew it, and who was always telling me that commercial rice was 'poison,'" she says. "So once I had rice from the market tested at the Bureau of Plant Industry." Tan was shocked to discover that the rice she had purchased had over 80 times the maximum amount tolerable in humans of a particular banned insecticide. "We're eating poison we don't know about!" Tan declares. "For someone who took for granted that the food I was eating was safe, that was really scary."

Changing strategy

In January 1995, OPTA was formed, and the group began making an appearance at the many organic weekend markets that have sprouted all over the metro. In 2004, after people began asking where they could buy their supplies during the week, the OPTA store/cooperative was opened in a space offered to the group by the Peace Equity Foundation, a non-profit NGO that helps out small businesses.

"We had to change strategy by creating the market first—building up the awareness of the consumer, approaching them—and when they become aware of the benefits of organically grown products, there will be a demand."

Tan knows this was a textbook case of how not to do business, "but I feel this is a very noble undertaking. When I got involved in organic food, I understood the problems in the way our food is being produced and grown. The more you're into it, the more you see the problems of the local agriculture industry, and you understand why farmers are always having a hard time—because prices are not regulated, and because of oversupply."

It is Tan's dream, in fact, to see a farming industry where the government regulates and monitors production. "You have to know how much of a certain crop is being produced in different areas nationwide."

Therein lies the essence of organic production, Tan says—not just what is grown, but how. "It's more than a

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Bag of goodness: Purchase a gift package, or assemble your own

TV SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

GUYITO POWER

GUYITO, the official mascot of the Philippine Daily INQUIRER, takes centerstage as the newspaper marks its 20th anniversary in December. Festivities will be highlighted by the unveiling of 20 Guyito carabao sculptures based on the character created by chief cartoonist Jess Abrera, and translated into the three-dimensional version by sculptor Juan Sajid Imao.

The INQUIRER has invited 20 of the country's veteran and emerging artists to paint the fiberglass sculptures based on the anniversary theme, "The Power of Knowing." They are: Malang, Bencab, Kidlat Tahimik, Fernando Sena, Salvador Convocar, Soler, Steve Santos, Caña, Lydia Velasco, Ernesto Patricio, Bing Siochi, Roel Obemio, Tres Roman, Wilfredo Offemaria, Bin Samonte, Jef Samonte, Romeo Forbes, Rex Tationghari, Anton Balao and Jack Salud.

The carabao sculptures will be donated to 20 selected cities/municipalities nationwide, to be chosen based on their high schools' rankings in the Regional Finals of the Quiz Bee Competition. Miniature versions of the Guyito sculptures will be given to the top 20 companies that have supported the INQUIRER in the past two decades.

From January to May 2006, INQUIRER representatives will visit the 20 selected schools/cities to turn over the sculptures. In addition, an INQUIRER Campus Journalism Workshop will be held in each school. The one-day lecture/workshop will feature INQUIRER reporters, editors and columnists who will discuss specific journalism topics and share their expertise on effective writing, editing and layouting. The number of student participants will be determined by the school's available venue. Delegates will be given a handbook on journalism styles, methods, ethics and best practices.

INQUIRER president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez said the complement of anniversary activities underscores the need for knowledge. In marking its 20th year, INQUIRER particularly hopes to motivate students to become achievers. "Through these projects, we hope to inspire the young to value reading and use it as a tool to attaining their dreams."

Sunday INQUIRER Magazine profiles the artists who have made the Guyito undertaking possible.

Bin Samonte

His Playful Guyito Gets High On Hope and Happiness

His art depicts celebration and the joy that comes from learning. Wisdom, he says, banishes dissatisfaction

ROGER CARPIO

by Lito B. Zulueta

MARVIN "Bin" SAMONTE'S art is characterized by a playfulness bordering on mischief, reflecting the young artist's lighthearted bent. He has, in fact, titled his Guyito "Play and Learn," which represents his belief that the games children play are a form of learning, and that the fruits of reading and learning are best yielded in the ambience of play and fun.

"My design depicts celebration: colorful attires, brilliant surroundings, and faces that express happiness," Bin Samonte explains. "And this happiness comes from learning. Wisdom banishes sadness and dissatisfaction."

Bin is Jef Samonte's brother, and the two youngest in a brood of six who belong to a family in Bulacan known for its art, much like the Blancos of Rizal. Jef and the 25-year-old Bin are therefore true to the tradition of folk art: art is a filial business, a clan's particular stamp, and it assumes the makings of a heritage that is passed on from one generation to the next, an unbroken line of artistry and creativity.

Folksy and homespun

Like Jef, Bin has had formal art training at the University of the East. But his art retains its original folksy and homespun spirit. Although his Guyito exalts reading and knowledge, his art seems unaffected by the stultifying rigors of the academe. Clearly, while he does not deride art education, he has come into his own as an artist by remaining true to his folk roots.

Much like Jef, Bin remains active in painting religious and festive tableaus in Obando and elsewhere in Bulacan. Since they have been doing this kind of art even as kids, it has rubbed off on Bin, particularly in his "Kuyog" series, depicting various scenes of deshabille in the traditional Black Nazarene procession, the throngs pressing on the icon and against one another, the image set off by its shiny-black features from the rest of the faithful who are painted in a riot of colors.

Bin Samonte said he often renders backdrops as bright spaces to provide contrast to his figures, which are maddeningly detailed. "Details are more difficult, but I am challenged by them," he says.

Since his show, "Art, Actually," last year at Gallery Nine, Samonte has become known for his renditions of circus people: jesters and jugglers in action, acrobats in suspended animation, ballerinas in a state of grace. The series is distinguished by Samonte's brilliant colors of mauve reds and irredeemable yellows.

Unique expressions

Despite refusing "intellectualism," Bin Samonte's depictions of circus figures have gotten "profound" reviews from critics who see in them a commentary on the human condition. "The fool in Samonte's painting suggests how our fantasies become a necessity, since our liberation rests also on the construction of the consciousness," notes critic and teacher Gary Devilles.

Moreover, since Samonte has also been into theater, his painted figures are unique for their varied expressions: acrobats grimacing through the difficulty of the feats they perform, jugglers in a casual grin, and ballerinas in seductive exuberance. In their faces and gestures are a sense of drama and narrative that somehow does not slide to melodrama. "My pieces do not allow failure and sad thoughts to linger," says Samonte. "With my works, I con-

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Jef Samonte

Filled With the Spirit of Folk Art

This versatile young artist believes in honoring the lessons of the past

ROMY HOWILLADA

by Lito B. Zulueta

RARE among very young artists, Jeffrey "Jef" Samonte infuses his work with the spirit of folk art. It cannot be otherwise. Samonte lives and breathes the village of his childhood, Obando, the fishing village off Manila Bay known for its yearly fertility dance.

The folk-art moorings are evident in Samonte's Guyito. Conforming to the "knowledge is power" theme set by the INQUIRER, Samonte paints shelves of books on both sides of the carabao mascot. But the striking image here is that of a child lying atop the carabao's back, enjoying a book while dreamily gazing at the ceiling, as if the book has triggered in him daydreams that transport him to Neverland or, better still, Lola Basyangland.

Samonte comes from a family of artists. Together with his youngest brother, Marvin "Bin" Samonte, he has achieved the most renown in the brood. Aside from having won the most awards, he's had several exhibits that showcase the sheer variety of

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sider every day an occasion for happiness."

To be sure, there's no reason for Bin to be unhappy. He has twice won the grand prize in the Letras y Figuras painting contest of the Instituto Cervantes and the Embassy of Spain-in 1998 and 2000-and twice won the first prize in the World AIDS Day painting contest-in 2001 and 2002. He won honorable mention in the 12th PLDT Visual Art contest in 1998 and the Art Association of the Philippines contest in 2003.

Bin Samonte, like his "Kuya Jef," is also featured as one of the young artists whose works grace the Christmas cards of the Young Artists Project, a fund to promote the arts (call tel. no. 687-7302). Samonte's art works-together with those of Fatima Antonio, Aris Bagtas, Yveese Belen, Michael Cacnio, Salvador Ching, Farley Del Rosario, Romeo Forbes, Alfred Galura, Wilfredo Offemaria, and and Rex Tatlonghari-will be exhibited in a show this month at Gallery Nine.

Bold irreverence

Perhaps Samonte's most recent feat is doing the cover art for the first poetry collection of Filipino-American writer R. Zamora Linmark, whose first novel, "Rolling the R's," is required reading in Asian-American letters and culture courses in the United States. When the book "Prime Time Apparitions" (published by the Hanging Press of New York) was reviewed by Verse magazine last May, critic Mark Bilbrey notes that "Both Linmark and Samonte share a sense of outrage that masks itself in a bold, wild, cartoonish humor and irreverence that cannot entirely paint over the darkness and despair from which its energy derives."

Perhaps Bilbrey is correct in depicting the energy that propels the art of the Samonte brothers-an art not given to wallow in despair. "Hope and happiness," says Bin Samonte. "As an artist, it is a challenge to express these visually."

Like his brother Jef's prodigious art-making, Bin's activities leave no room for idleness or an artist's bout with angst. At the rooftop studio he shares with his brother in Malate, Bin is his regular happy-go-lucky self. When he's not painting, he says he's busy bird-watching. He also tries not to forget to feed his two pet fish.

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his craft: he carves, paints murals, does pop-art designs on jeepneys and bancas, designs sets and costumes for the community theater (*sinakulo*) and does visual displays and commercial art for Jollibee, SM North Edsa, and the Store Shop. He also designs metal works and websites, does and executes furniture designs, constructs toys and gadgets from wood or recycled materials, and even does festival floats. The range of his artistic skills is not surprising. Folk artists are known to be a prolific and versatile lot.

And like most folk artists, Samonte draws his inspiration from his childhood. Slight of build and boyish-looking, the 26-year-old artist is quiet, unassuming and has the look of wisdom that is sometimes obscured by his blissful smile. His past has everything to do with his Guyito, he says. "We need to understand our past so that we can be enriched by our experiences," he explains. "Knowledge reflects the best that we as a people have accomplished. It enriches our lives."

The folk-art spirit is also evident in Samonte's concept of his art. In folk art, arts and crafts are not individual properties, but collective items that foster communion and solidarity. Art is much like knowledge, which "cannot be stolen," says Samonte.

Spiritual inspirations

The social and non-material aspect of folk art-making is complemented by Samonte's religiosity. A devout Catholic, he draws inspiration from spiritual readings and Catholic iconography. He painted brilliant religious imagery when the Philippines hosted the World Youth Day in 1995. He also did religious works for the Catholic Jubilee Year and the Marian Festival in 1999.

He did the cover of "Enfold Me, Lord," the prayer book written by Fr. Teo Rustia for the Bethesda Healing Ministry. Most recently, he did the murals of the Holy Family and the Ark of Noah for the Augustinian nuns of the Sta. Rita Orphanage in Paranaque.

Along the way, Samonte collected awards. He was a finalist in the 2003 Metrobank Young Painters Annual Competition, and the grand prize winner of the 2003 National Oil Painting Competition of the Muntinlupa government, and the 2004 Clean Up the World Art Tilt in Malacanang.

Erudite sympathy

Since his first major show in 2002, "Sense and Sensitivity," a joint show with Tres Roman, Samonte has been known for his idealized and romanticized folk women, whom critic Oscar Campomanes describes as "full-bodied, hauntingly beautiful, evidently tender and loving, self-bonded and seemingly unaffected." They show the artist's "erudite sympathy," and despite the seeming idealization, the women figures are self-possessed and authoritative, according to Campomanes.

Samonte does not strain for art philosophy to explain his images. Although he has had academic training (he studied fine arts at the Technological University of the Philippines) and is a member of the Artery art group, he is not one to indulge in "artspeak."

What he's more concerned with is craft. "My goal is to establish my niche in the visual arts through consistency and dedication to the craft in the hope of contributing to cultural development," he says.

Earnest words from an earnest young man.

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wholistic lifestyle. It's about caring!" OPTA is a non-stock, non-profit organization of volunteers who contribute a portion of whatever they make to the advocacy work. The four guiding principles of organic production, Tan enumerates, are ecology, health, nurturing or stewardship, and fair trade. "That's why people find organic food expensive. The regular prices are just too cheap, because we don't want to pay the farmers a fair price."

Happily, the demand for organic food has increased, thanks to increased consciousness about health and quality of life. "The market has been growing, but we also have to be careful, because now everyone is claiming to be organic. I personally feel no amount of certification can guarantee how safe any food is—it's still the values of the farmer and the trader."

A different kind of mission

The 60-year-old widow and mother, who is in the business of producing organic fertilizer, has been eating organic for over 12 years now, and swears it has kept her feeling healthy and clean. Her husband Manuel, a businessman, died four years ago of colon cancer, but Tan is proud to say that he lived the last three years of his life normally, thanks to alternative therapies and organic eating.

Her own two children were skeptical at first, but have become more supportive. In fact, Tan's eldest daughter works in the family's own organic foods outlet, Natural Wonders, in Quezon City; she was converted after regular doses of apple cider with honey cured her of a chronic cold.

The smiling, amiable Tan has had to take time off from serving as a deaconess at her church to dedicate herself to this, "a different kind of mission." She is also a doting grandmother who brings vegetables and chicken to her children's houses every weekend to encourage her grandchildren (soon to be five of them) to eat healthy.

"They're always eating fast food. I tell them, when you eat organic, you become *mabait* (nice)."

Tan takes the adage that you are what you eat quite seriously, in fact. "Why do you think people now have no *modo* (manners)? Everything starts from the soil. We're now force feeding everything with hormones and chemicals. There's no natural system where you let time and nurturing take their course. The bad things metabolize into food."

This Christmas season, the OPTA store is offering gift packages stocked with food and personal care items (check out the line of natural soaps like citronella and patchouli), ranging from P200 to P1,000. Tan hopes corporations will consider patronizing their goods for giveaways, as well.

"Don't always think of buying cheap food. You don't think twice about buying cars and other expensive things. This way the farmers will earn, and the economy can just go around." And, hopefully, people will become more *mabait*.

The OPTA Cooperative Organic Naturally Store is open Mondays to Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is located at 69 Esteban Abada, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, tel. no. 436-3615

With all the trimmings: Charlie, Dina and their staff promise a tasty feast

It's A Wrap...*from page 4*

he knew he had something on his hands.

The next step came just as serendipitously.

"One early morning, Dina woke me to tell me that she had just had a dream about her late mother," he says. "She told me that in the dream, her mother had told her to serve the pritchon like Peking duck."

In Chinese restaurants, Peking duck is traditionally served three ways: first the skin is sliced into bite-size pieces, dabbed with hoisin sauce and wrapped in thin pancakes. Then the duck meat is chopped fine and eaten. Finally the remaining carcass is made into soup.

The Esguerras decided to add their own twist. Instead of pancakes, they decided to use flavored pita wedges, provided by a friend who had a shawarma business. And apart from the traditional hoisin sauce, Dina developed six other sauces, to add variety.

Word of mouth

Their innovation proved an instant hit with family and friends. Soon word of mouth spread and orders began coming in. Before they knew it, they had a business on their hands.

"The best business pitch is word of mouth," says Charlie. From the initial circle of friends and acquaintances, the word began to snowball, even without advertising. In no time, orders were coming in from offices and plush subdivisions, and many of these were repeat customers.

Of course, the first few years provided valuable learning experience.

To begin with, says Charlie, not all pigs are the same, or taste the same. Breed, type of feed, even their environment will determine the flavor. Over the years, Charlie has become a keen judge of pig flesh, and he selects only true *"de leche"*—sucklings no more than one and half months old—from breeders whose methods he knows and trusts.

He has also found the ideal type of vegetable oil—a trade secret about which he will reveal nothing, except that it can't be found in supermarkets. He has also designed his own deep fryers, which were custom-fabricated for him.

After a couple of years, the Esguerras decided to expand their menu to include American fiesta fare: they developed what they call "Pritchopabo," their own twist on the traditional Thanksgiving turkey. Like Pritchon, a Butterball turkey is deep-fried and served a la Peking duck, with its own complement of sauces, including the traditional cranberry, spicy curry, hoisin, mushroom gravy and Mexican salsa. Apart from its own distinct flavor, turkey also appeals to the more calorie conscious, since it has very little fat.

Vegetarians need not feel left out of the fiesta either.

After noticing that non-meat eaters were nibbling at the pancakes and cucumber strips, Charlie developed what he calls Veggie Wraps, an all-vegetable dish which is similarly wrapped in pita wedges and eaten with two types of sauce, hoisin and balsamic.

Satisfaction

The Esguerras haven't stopped dreaming. Right now, they're hard at work perfecting what promises to be their next menu offering: Christmas *pata*, which promises to be an alternative to traditional Christmas ham.

Because of the labor and the ingredients involved, of course, pritchon doesn't come cheap. One order, with 80 pita wedges and all the trimmings, currently goes for P4,000, while the turkey goes for P 4,100. But as those who've partaken of Charlie's ambrosial offerings will tell you, it's worth every cent.

For Charlie and Dina Esguerra, however, the business is the least of their rewards.

"In terms of morale, our satisfaction is greater here than with our previous business, because we're dealing with people," says Dina. In fact, the couple still go out on deliveries, as much to see the look of satisfaction on their customers' faces as to keep up their service standards.

There is, for instance, the teenager who ate 35 pritchon wraps in one go (the current record holder), and the three sisters who managed to demolish one order all by themselves. But there are also the chemotherapy patients who get pritchon delivered to their hospital rooms, a welcome change from hospital food.

And there is the bedridden 94-year-old grandmother who, miraculously, rose from her sickbed for the first time in two years and sat at the dining table when the family served pritchon.

Says Dina Esguerra: "It's instant gratification when you see people happy like that."

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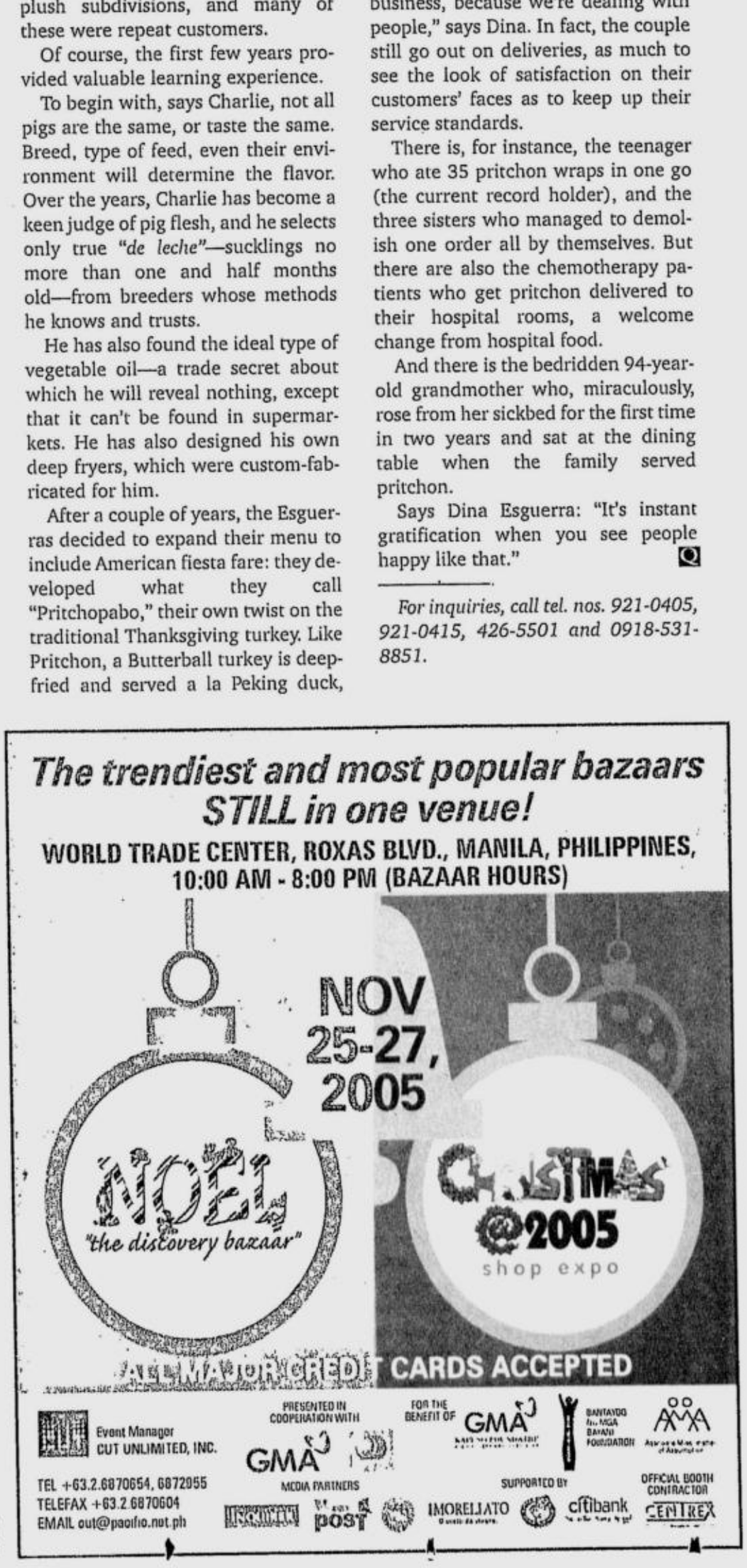

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MOTOROLA ROCKS THE HOUSE

It's no secret that Filipino talent is world-class, but it's astoundingly refreshing to be reminded of just how powerful and moving Filipino artistry can be. Last October 20, Motorola hosted the culminating rock and roll event for a series of bar tours and gigs called ROCK MO 'TO. The gig series was part of a recently ended contest to send one lucky raffle winner and a voted ROCK MO 'TO Icon to catch the Foo Fighters live in Australia. The winning ROCK MO 'TO Icon was announced that evening, the result of a widespread text-in campaign that spanned one month. Miggy Chavez of Chicosci emerged victorious amongst a throng of formidable competition, namely Sandwich's Raimund Marasigan, Imago's Aia De Leon, Sponge Cola's Yael Yuson, Sugarfree's Ebe Dancel, Greyhounds' Reg Rubio and Urbandub's Gabby Alipe.

The ROCK MO 'TO gig series highlights the emergence of the latest Motorola handset, the ROKR E1. This cutting-edge and wickedly cool cell phone is tremendously ahead of its time, being the first mobile phone with iTunes. The coveted phone is the lucky raffle winner's prize du jour, along with his all-expenses paid trip to the land down under.

ROCK MO 'TO'S final gig night was a veritable menagerie of sight and sound. With hot bands, avant-garde fashion and cool Motorola giveaways, the night filled up your senses to a point of blissful intoxication. It was a true testament to Filipino musicality, with danceable pop acts and head bang-causing rock bands pushing you into a whirlwind of pure, unadulterated Pinoy artistry.

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